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Critics call design for £3m Bug a monster

CAMPAIGNERS desperate to save Dudley Hippodrome have branded its replacement as 'monstrous' and they have vowed to fight the £3 million Dudley Bug scheme.

Dudley Zoo has unveiled designs for a new education and conference centre aiming to pay homage to the town's prehistoric past.

It has been designed to recreate the famous Dudley Bug fossil shape. But campaigners said the futuristic Trilobite Building would look out of place shadowed by the 11th century Dudley Castle.

They threw back claims from officials that the Hippodrome was an 'eyesore' and a 'blight' on Castle Hill by rounding on the architecture of the planned multi-million pound centre.

Campaign chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said he feared the building would become a 'white elephant' for the town. "I think it looks monstrous and I can't quite believe they think this would be in keeping with the medieval castle," he said.

"The Hippodrome is a great example of an art deco styled building that fits in place with the buildings like the Station Hotel nearby."

He added: "It won't stop us. If anything, we want to show that we won't go away and that we will keep fighting. "They've not given permission to demolish it yet."

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Decision due on care home

ELDERLY residents will learn the fate of a care home in Dudley which has been threatened with closure by the end of the summer, bosses have said.

Campaigners have fought for the past two years to keep open New Bradley Hall care home, Kingswinford.

More than 5,000 people signed a petition and leading action group members Mac Scott and Phil Vanes have held talks with new Dudley adult social care boss, Councillor Dave Branwood.

A review into all adult social care is taking place.

Ex-mayor quits Tory post after downloading porn



Ray Burston - resigned

A COUNCILLOR who has stepped down from his role with Dudley's shadow cabinet after admitting using his council computer to download pornography has apologised for 'breaching' the trust of his constituents and colleagues.

Councillor Ray Burston, who is a former Mayor of Dudley, quit his post as Conservative spokesman for the environment at a meeting at Dudley Council on Monday night. He will continue to serve as a councillor in the Hayley Green and Cradley South ward.

Dudley's Conservative group leader, Councillor Patrick Harley, said Council-

lor Burston retains the support of his colleagues and could have remained in his post.

In his statement read to the council chamber, Councillor Burston, said: "Whilst the images that have been downloaded are not of an illegal nature, such access, even so, constitutes a clear breach of the council's protocols governing the use of its IT equipment."

Furthermore - and for me a matter of no lesser import - this access represents a breach of personal, political and religious beliefs that I hold dear and by which I have endeavoured to live my life. "As such, it is for me a matter of per-

sonal honour that I have also breached a trust that has been placed in me by the people of Hayley Green and Cradley South ward, who it is my privilege to represent. Therefore, I can only profoundly apologise to both them and to my council colleagues for my acts and omissions in the matter."

Conservative group leader Councillor Harley said Councillor Burston, who first served on Dudley Council from 1988 to 1996 and was re-elected in 2000, had his full support.

"Ray has voluntarily, with no pressure from myself or my deputy or his association, stepped down from the

shadow cabinet," he said. "He was offered our full support and could have continued in that role."

"He feels it's the right decision and I have to respect and support him for the manner in which he has dealt with it."

Councillor Harley added he did not feel the matter should be dealt with by the council's standards committee as any punishments would be 'inferior' to Councillor Burston's self-imposed resignation.

Council leader Councillor David Sparks said no further action could be taken, as Councillor Burston's actions had not broken the law.

Anger over driver who left death collision

THE wife and son of a keen cyclist killed in a hit-and-run smash have spoken of their anger at the driver who fled the scene, leaving him lying dead in the road.

Retired printer George Searle, aged 74, of Gornal, Dudley, who died at the scene of the collision in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, was looking forward to the birth of his first grandchild in November.

His wife of 43 years, Cynthia, aged 68, said: "We are very angry that someone could take the life of a much-loved husband and father and just leave him, not knowing if he was dead or



George Searle

alive. We believe he died instantly and wouldn't have known anything about it."

The couple's son, David, aged 33, and daughter-in-law, Alison, 32, of Coseley, are expecting their first child and are pleased they had been able to tell Mr Searle that his first grandchild will be a girl.

Darlaston-born Mr Searle, who later lived with his wife in Hill Top, West Bromwich, had cycled all his life and, on Thursday, he set off on one of his regular rides at about 9.15am.

David said: "He was the best dad you could ever wish for - and an old-fashioned gentleman."

The couple's 38-year-old daughter Jane, of Hands-worth Wood, flew back from her holiday in Rhodes.

Mrs Searle thanked passers-by who tried to help the former type-setter and compositor husband.

The former Hill Top Cycling Club member had recently discussed giving up cycling because of heavy traffic and several near misses. "I wish I'd made him do that," said Mrs Searle.

Two men have been arrested and bailed.

TOO FEW NURSES AT RUSSELLS HALL

by Andrew Turton

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital has been ordered to improve after an investigation into high death rates revealed a series of failings.

A shortage of qualified nurse staff and a complainants procedure that was 'deemed not fit for purpose' were among the areas of concern in report by NHS medical director Sir Bruce Keogh.

He has demanded improvements at 14 hospital trusts across the country, including Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which manages Russells Hall Hospital.

Earlier reports suggested that there had been there were 1,235 excess deaths from June 2005 to November 2012 at the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with 222 in 2012 alone but the actual report published on Tuesday did not contain any figures.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced 11 of the 14 would be put in 'special measures' forcing them to team up with other NHS bodies.

But the trust, which manages Russells Hall, was not one of them as the health watchdog Monitor was 'confident' that its current management would be able to deliver changes.

One of the biggest areas of concern highlighted in the Keogh report was 'inadequate



Russells Hall Hospital - 'inadequate qualified nurse staffing levels' on some wards, according to the report

qualified nurse staffing levels' on some wards.

Inspectors found nursing staffing problems on two large wards and called for this to be urgently reviewed by managers.

The report also found a shortfall in the trust's ability to learn from serious incidents and complaints made by patients.

It hit out at the hospitals trust's complaints process which was deemed 'not fit for purpose' and was 'inadequate' for responding for patients' needs.

Another area for urgent action focused on the hospital trust board. Sir Bruce found

further work is needed to simplify the 'quality governance processes' and communicate with staff.

They also needed reviews to ensure that improvements were forthcoming.

The report did say that the trust was improving and there were a number of areas of 'good practice'.

Dudley Group chief executive Paula Clark today said the trust welcomed the review.

"The review team did not find any areas of major concern that warranted further escalation," she said.

"This is testament to the hard work and

commitment of all our staff and the pride they take in delivering the best possible care to our patients."

"The review has been one of the most far reaching and detailed reviews the trust has ever experienced and it gives us confidence that we are providing good quality of care, whilst recognising the areas where we can do better."

A detailed plan addressing each of the recommended actions in the report will be completed by the trust. A follow up review will be undertaken later this year.

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Mugged widow 'robbed of confidence'

AN ELDERLY Coseley woman has spoken of her 'devastation' after being robbed by a crook who attacked her from behind.

The 80-year-old victim, who has asked not to be identified, described her ordeal as police released a CCTV image of the man they want to question after a spate of robberies.

The woman had walked to the bus stop, in Green Street, Coseley, when

she was shoved in the back and had her handbag snatched.

Police said the shocked widow watched helplessly as her attacker ran off and jumped into a car and drove off, as she was left clinging to a wall for support.

The woman said the thief had not only robbed her of her belongings but also her confidence.

"I was always so very full of confidence but just at the moment I've

lost it," she said. "I still go down the village but I'm very, very wary."

Police say the woman, who has lived in Coseley all her life, is one of eight pensioners, the oldest 92, targeted since April.

All were assaulted from behind and had their purses, bags or wallets snatched. Police described suspect as mixed race, aged between 25 and 30, around 5ft 8ins to 6ft, and sometimes wears a grey hoodie. He drove

off in a car similar to a silver Renault Megane or a silvery-green Ford Fusion, registration number BK03 XND, which was stolen from Dorothy Road, West Bromwich, in May. DC Caroline Morris said when brakes of the Fusion were applied, all the external lights came on.

Anyone with information should call her on 101.

A man has been arrested in connection with the robberies.

Rat-run will be closed after fears over safety

A NARROW road used as a rat run by motorists trying to avoid a busy junction in Dudley is to be closed to traffic following complaints from councillors and residents.

Prices Road in Gornal Wood has been used as a cut through for many years sparking safety fears.

But it will be converted into two cul-de-sacs with a short stretch of 'prohibited driving' to stop motorists taking the short-cut.

Residents have welcomed the scheme and a 40-name petition in support of the plans was handed in to the council.

It will now go-ahead with the work in the road, which runs between Louise Street and Bull Street, with an expected cost of £6,000.

Gornal councillor Dave Branwood said: "It has been a problem for many years. The road is very narrow so it can be dangerous. But people use it to by-pass the junction."

"We had a community meeting to get the views of the residents, who were unhappy about the amount of traffic using the road."

Reduce

"We want to stop traffic from cutting through the road and hopefully make it more peaceful for the residents."

He added that all of the Gornal ward councillors had been in favour of the proposals to help reduce the volume of traffic using the short-cut.

The plans have been approved by cabinet member for transport, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, who said: "Residents of Prices Road supported by the ward councillors have raised concerns about the volume of intrusive traffic which proceeds through their street between Bull Street and Louise Street."

"Accordingly, a scheme was developed for a short section of 'prohibited driving' to be introduced in Prices Road in the vicinity of Hollis Court. This would sever Prices Road and create two cul-de-sacs."

The council said there had been no objections from police, the ambulance service and bus operators or other residents in the area.

MP wants to ban payday loan firms



MPs Ian Austin and Stella Creasy, left, along with Labour prospective Parliamentary candidate for Halesowen and Rowley, Stephanie Peacock, campaign in Dudley against pay day loans

DUDLEY MP Ian Austin has launched a campaign to sweep out payday loan companies from the high street, claiming they are 'preying on families struggling to put food on their table'.

He has described the lending interest rates offered by the firms a 'complete disgrace' and is urging people in debt to stay clear of using them.

Last week Mr Austin, along with Walthamstow MP and payday loan campaigner Stella Creasy, handed out leaflets and spoke to shoppers in Dudley, which has six such shops in the town centre.

His campaign comes after an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading uncovered evidence of widespread irresponsible lending across the industry, with some told to improve their practice or risk losing their licence.

Mr Austin accused payday loan firms of 'preying on families struggling to put food on their table'.

"I want to drive the payday loan shops out of Dudley High Street," he said. "The growth of payday loans

shops is an absolute disgrace. The companies are headed by wealthy people who are getting richer and richer on the back of people in this town finding it hard to cope under financial pressure."

"The interest rates they offer are a complete disgrace and they end up trapping people into months and months of payments which ends with them laden with thousands of pounds of debt."

Mr Austin said he had spoken to people in the town who had taken out a £100 loan, and ended up with a £1,700 debt to pay two years later.

Increase

They were unable to afford each repayment, so would take out further loans, to meet the needs of the loan companies, he said.

Mr Austin is supporting a campaign by Miss Creasy to force through Government legislation which would mean the payday loan firms would have to cap the cost put on the lender and increase credit checks before providing cash.

Miss Creasy said: "Eighty per

cent of people take out a payday loan for essential needs - but the companies are taking advantage of them for this."

Mr Austin also used the leaflet drop yesterday to encourage the use of 'responsible' lenders such as Castle & Crystal Credit Union. The not-for-profit organisation provides loans on interest rates governed by law, and has a base in Dudley town centre.

In response to the MPs' action, payday lenders in the town defended themselves.

Tracy Wilkinson is manager of Cheque Centre, in High Street. She receives between three and 10 quick loan enquiries a day, but provides cash to only a third following checks on the applicant's financial ingoing and outgoings.

She said: "We don't force people to borrow money from us. We fully explain the terms and conditions, and continually check them over with the customer."

"We make sure we comply with all regulations and have made several changes recently."

Building society branch to close

THE Sedgley branch of the Dudley Building Society is to close next month.

Chief executive Jeremy Wood said the branch in Dudley Street had been nearing the end of its lease and the society had chosen not to renew it.

"Its location was not ideal and it did not see the level of business that our other locations do," he added.

Members will be able to transfer to other branches. The society is spending hundreds of thousands of pounds modernising six of its branches in the Black Country and south Staffordshire.

The branch in Sedgley is to close on August 23 with all staff moving to other positions within the 155-year-old society.

The modernisation programme and the introduction of a new information technology system will also result in an extra six jobs over the next year.

The Gornal Wood branch has just been modernised and work on the flagship Dudley branch in Stone Street is due to start in September. The full programme taking in Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill and Perton branches, should be completed in two years.

Glass class for children

CRAFT and glass schools for aspiring artists will be set up at two Dudley borough museums this summer.

Young people can try their hand at engraving, painting and fusing glass at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone on July 31 and August 28.

A craft summer school will also take place on August 1, while craft sessions will be held at Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford on August 29.

All the schools run from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a snack. Places need to be booked on 01384 815571.

New support

A SUPERMARKET in Dudley has named the Guide Dogs charity as its charity partner for the next 12 months. Sainsbury's at Merry Hill decided to support the cause following in-store and online nominations from customers.

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Race for Life runs up total £135,000

MORE than £135,000 is expected to be raised from a Race for Life event near Dudley which attracted thousands of women.

Around 3,000 fundraisers turned out for the extravaganza at Himley Park on Sunday.

Two 5km races took place, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, to bring in cash for Cancer Research UK.

Organisers said 2,000 women had taken part in the morning event, around 200 more than expected.

And around 1,000 participated in the afternoon race – slightly fewer than expected which organisers said was probably due to the scorching temperatures.

Great

Spokeswoman Sarah Southall said they expected around £135,000 to come in from sponsorship not all had yet been received so an exact figure could not be announced yet.

"It was a really great event," she said. "The weather was with us and everyone came together to fight cancer."

More than 60 vintage motors from Jaguars to Ford Escorts were at Dudley Castle for the annual West Midlands Classic Car Club show on Sunday.

Organiser and club chairman Maurice Cole, of Dudley, brought along his 1972 E-type Jaguar, a rare 1961 Daimler Dart and a 1977 Rolls Royce.

Honour for group's work

VOLUNTEERS from a Lye charity have received recognition from the Mayor of Dudley.

Councillor Alan Finch welcomed the Apni Zaroorat Community Network to the Mayor's Parlour to present signed certificates to recognise their hard work.

Volunteers aim to improve the quality of lives for women, young people and families by reducing isolation, encouraging active participation and providing information and support.

Councillor Finch said: "Their efforts over the last six years have been fantastic, and I'm sure they will continue this excellent community work."

The group's name translates as 'Our Needs'. For details, visit www.azcn.org

Smiles all round as MP opens new post office



Chris Kelly cuts the ribbon with subpostmaster Nick Singh

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly cut the ribbon at the official opening of a new-look post office in Brierley Hill.

He was joined by subpostmaster Nick Singh at the launch of the Merry Hill Centre branch on Friday (July 12).

The Conservative MP said: "I'm delighted to officially open the new Merry Hill Centre Post Office."

"Nick and his team are to be congratulated on their work to develop the new branch, which will make a real difference for local residents and small business customers. I wish them every

success with the venture." The new branch has two screened and three open plan counter positions, as well as a Post Office serving point that doubles up as a retail counter – a new concept for the newly-independent company.

Delight

Opening hours at the branch, which relocated in June, have been extended by 15 hours to include Sundays.

Mr Singh, who hosted the official opening, said: "I was delighted to have the opportunity to modernise the Post

Office and very pleased to be re-launching it today for the community."

"I know customers will like the new environment and I'd like to thank Mr Kelly for coming."

Post Office area manager Caroline Pritchard added: "We understand how important having a post office is to residents in this area and we are confident that this new modern post office service will meet the needs of the local community and secure services for the future."

Findings not a surprise, says father whose daughter died

CAMPAIGNERS have voiced their concerns after it emerged hundreds of patients may have died needlessly at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin is also now calling for answers after saying he had been worried about a 'deeper problem' after being contacted by patients and families.

It was widely reported this week that NHS medical director Prof Sir Bruce Keogh would reveal that there were 1,235 excess deaths from June 2005 to November 2012 at the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with 222 in 2012 alone.

Failings at the hospital were highlighted following the death of a woman whose care was described as falling 'far short of what she had every right to expect'.

Wendy Nock, aged 35, who had spina bifida, died from an intestinal obstruction eight days after being admitted to the hospital in September 2009.

Although an inquest ruled that she died from her medical conditions, Black Country coroner Robin Balmain criticised the hospital for a 'lack of continuity of care'.

He said that there had been a 'consistent failing among different departments and a number of different staff'.

Similar

An independent review concluded that if a CT scan had been carried out, she would probably have survived.

Stephen Dorrell, head of a Commons select committee, said her death was avoidable, saying the care she received was 'far short of what she had every right to expect'.

Miss Nock's father Harold Nock, aged 64, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley, who said no staff have been held to account, is suing the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

He said he was not surprised by the report into failings at the site from June 2005 to November 2012 and called for a more thorough investigation looking at older cases.

"I have been contacted by so many people who have similar concerns about the hospital," he said. "I think the investigation needs to go back further. They haven't gone back far enough in my opinion."

The hospital admitted that there were issues with the recording of fluid intake and output on some nursing documentation, which chief executive Paula Clark had said was 'unacceptable'.



Harold Nock with a photograph of his daughter, Wendy

Elaine Weston, aged 54, of Swan Street, Pensnett, has campaigned for better care at Russells Hall Hospital since the death of her daughter Kelly in 2009.

She died from septicaemia caused by pneumonia after being admitted to hospital for severe mouth ulcers. She left behind a daughter, Jessica, then aged eight.

Mrs Weston told an inquest on her daughter that staff had failed to protect her after a dramatic weight loss up to her death which, she claims, impacted on her immune system. She added: "I thought my case was a one-off, but when I heard about others and then saw this report it is apparent that something is wrong."

"We need a change in how this place is run – things just aren't good enough right now. At the inquest, Black Country coroner



Kelly Weston who died in 2009 while at Russells Hall Hospital

Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Mr Austin said he was keen to find out what had happened at the hospital and what action would be taken.

"I welcomed this inquiry because I was always worried whether individual cases I took up on behalf of constituents indicated a deeper problem."

Urgent

"I worked with residents and met Bruce Keogh personally to provide detailed accounts of the treatment they and their families had received and I asked his team to meet local people and listen to them directly."

"I want an urgent meeting with senior managers and governors at the hospital. As I have been saying for some time, we

need to know exactly what has been happening and what the Department of Health and the hospital will be doing about it," the Labour MP added.

The leader of Dudley Council said the report would have to be taken seriously. Councillor David Sparks said: "I was surprised at the figures but I take them seriously and I would expect the scrutiny board will have a good look at them."

The hospital trust is one of 14 across the country that between them are said to have been responsible for up to 13,000 'excess deaths' since 2005.

Campaigner Julie Bailey, who founded the Cure the NHS group after her mother Bella died after being dropped by staff at Stafford Hospital, said there were tragic stories behind the numbers in the report.

NEWS in brief

Free wellbeing checks for dogs

DOG owners in Dudley can bring their pooches along for a free wellbeing check when staff from the PDSA visits the borough from July 23 to 26.

A veterinary nurse will examine the weight, body shape, teeth, eyes, coat and general fitness of canine visitors aboard the PetCheck vehicle from 9am to 4pm.

Sessions will be on July 23 at Hope Centre car park, Andrew Road, High Fields Estate, Halesowen, on July 24 at Arley and Compton Court, Baptist End Road, Netherton, on July 25 at Claverley Court, Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, and on July 26 at Chapel Street Estate, Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill.

New luxury £30k car is stolen

A NEW £30,000 car has been stolen from Clent, near Stourbridge. The black Mercedes C220 estate, registration GY13 MVL, was in a secure garage, in Bromsgrove Road.

The car was about three weeks old. An iPhone was also taken. Officers believe it was taken between 9.30pm on Saturday, July 6 and 10am the next day. Police said the garage doors had been forced and the keys to the car stolen.

Pc Matt Brittain, of West Mercia Police, asked anyone who saw anything unusual or suspicious to call 101 or 0800 555111.

Car wash cleans up for charities

CHARITIES being supported by Dudley's Mayor are set to clean up at a charity car wash.

Bosses at F1 Hand Car Wash and Valeting Service, in Wellington Road, Dudley, are offering to donate the day's takings on Saturday. Drivers will be able to get a basic clean for £2.50 between 9am and 6pm. All proceeds will be split between Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Dudley's White House Cancer Support. Money will also go to the Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Suicide-threat woman rescued

FIREFIGHTERS used a platform to rescue a woman threatening to jump from a multi-storey car park in Halesowen.

Fire crews and police were called to help the woman at the Asda car park in Queensway just after 9pm last Wednesday. She had climbed onto the wall of the fourth storey.

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SUMMER puzzle. How early do you have to get to the pub before the beer garden fills up with pensioners? Some of them in my local look as though they have been left out overnight.

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ON the process of getting old, a reader offers this prayer: "Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

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WHAT do you call a customer who natters into her mobile phone at the supermarket check-out? How about pig-ignorant? Yet when a Sainsbury's check-out lady in south London asked the customer to finish her phone call before she would operate the till, the customer complained and the supermarket apologised and gave her a £10 voucher. But as the social-networks erupted with support for the check-out lady, Sainsbury's seemed to develop some backbone. It is now supporting its worker and has welcomed a "wider debate on politeness." We don't really need a wider debate. Talking to a third party while expecting someone to serve you is rude.

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"THESE smaller 'rat like' dogs look no more than a light snack to them." Dog owner emailing Sky News to explain why a Staffordshire bull terrier bit the head off a Pomeranian in Warrington.

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IT IS reported that a room in the European Parliament may be named after Margaret Thatcher. No, not that room. Actually, it might be an idea to name the WC after the late baroness. They could call it the Not for Turning Ladies.

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WELL, knock me down with a ballot paper. It is alleged that the candidate-selection process in Falkirk may have been (you had better sit down before reading the next bit) nobbled. What's that? You are not surprised or even remotely shaken? No, me neither. This is probably because the selection of parliamentary candidates by political parties is often nobbled. There was a time when Old Harry, having served the party and the community faithfully as parish, town and county councillor for 20 years, would duly be offered the chance to stand as MP. These days, Old Harry is shoved aside as someone's husband, wife, lover or aide is parachuted in from Whitehall. Failing that, Old Harry is told, tough luck old boy, but it's going to be an all-female shortlist. Or perhaps the party decides it needs a candidate "to reflect the wider community". So Old Harry is again passed over, this time for a transgender Welsh-speaking amputee from Ecuador who doesn't actually know where the constituency is but ticks all the boxes at central office. The golden rule is that under no circumstances must the people of the constituency be allowed to choose their own candidate. The system was rotten long before the Falkirk row came along. Which is why, while Labour and Unite snarl at each other and the Tories make a big thing of it all, cynical Old Britain merely heaves a weary sigh.

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LAST month it was £30 billion. Last week the Government announced it was £42 billion. This week Boris Johnson says it'll probably be £70 billion. The fastest thing about that unwanted, unnecessary, unaffordable white elephant known as HS2 is the cost. Judging by cost-inflation on other big projects, even Boris's forecast may prove far too low. How long before the bill for transporting people from London to Birmingham a mere 20 minutes earlier than at present passes £100 billion? Will no-one stop this madness?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Air cadets tee up a day of golfing



Mark Butler, right standing, with the air cadets at their golfing day

AIR cadets got into the swing of things during a golfing day in Dudley. A group of 40 youngsters from the 347 Dudley Squadron, aged between 12 and 18, received free professional training at the Sedgley Golf Centre, Sandyfields Road.

Mark Butler, the centre's academy director, who coached the group with fellow PGS professional Richard Challoner, said: "For many of them it was the first time they had played."

"They were fantastic and the response from the kids was great."

"Many wanted to come back in their own time. We are trying to get

different groups and different people taking up golf."

"I think it's important to promote the message that golf isn't just for old people, because of what the sport can teach you."

"We've got a great etiquette in the game and it brings discipline to kids. "It also brings kids and parents together through sport, which is what we're all about."

Mr Butler, aged 39, who recently became head professional at Penn Golf Club, Wolverhampton, said he was looking to book similar sessions with other local organisations, including scout and guide groups.

Water is drained from quarry lake of tragedy

A QUARRY lake where a 15-year-old boy drowned almost a year ago has been drained of most of its water – to the relief of the youngster's family as children prepare to break up for their summer holidays.

Owners of the site on the border of Gornal and Himley in Dudley – known locally as the Blue Lagoon – say their action is not as a result of the tragedy in which Augusto Zacarias met his death but because it is being prepared as a waste tip.

But the work to pump water into the nearby Holbeache Brook has been welcomed by Augusto's uncle, whose own son was with the teenager when he plummeted to his death in the Marl Hole pool near the Crooked House pub on July 25 last year.

The family and friends launched a campaign after the death, calling for the disused quarry to be closed and security at the site stepped up.

Worried

And Rafael Massampo, aged 44, whose wife, Brigitte Domingos, is the sister of Augusto's mother, said: "It's good news for the future that the pool is being drained."

"We had been worried, since the weather was so hot and the school holidays start soon, that children might still be attracted to swim there."

"Now that the water has almost gone it will be safer for other children and I know Augusto's parents will be relieved when they hear the news."

Mr Massampo's son, Lopes, now aged 14, was with his cousin Augusto at the lake when the tragedy happened.

Portuguese-born Augusto, a promising footballer, his parents, Pedro, aged 45, and Paulina, 41, and younger brother Samuel, now two, used to live with the Massampo



Before - sunbathers basking a year ago at the 'Blue Lagoon' in Himley



After - the 'Blue Lagoon' has all but disappeared after water was drained

family in Woodsetton, Dudley. The Zacarias family has now moved to Sedgley. Mr Massampo said he and his wife had tried to help their son through the trauma of the tragedy and they are now bracing themselves for Augusto's inquest, due to

be held on August 2 at Smethwick Coroners Court.

John Sandford, director of sustainability for Wienerberger, owner of the former quarry, said that, when operations began there about 20 years ago, planning permission was

given for waste disposal once the quarrying had been completed.

Gornal Councillor Dave Brannwood welcomed the drainage, saying: "It's a positive step, especially as the schools are due to break up for the summer."



Victim - Augusto Zacarias



Uncle - Rafael Massampo

Retailers sign up for crime fight link

MORE than 30 retailers in Dudley have signed up to a new scheme aimed at tackling crime in the town.

They are working with the borough's Business Crime Partnership, which includes the council and police.

Traders have been joined to a radio system linking shops with the borough's CCTV control room and town centre police teams.

The link improves the speed retailers can report criminal activity in their stores and also allows staff to share information on people acting suspiciously as they move around the town.

The partnership also produces a bulletin giving details and photographs of prolific thieves and their associates, including those banned from neighbouring stores.

Dudley North Sergeant Corrina Griffiths, said: "The Dudley Borough Business Crime Partnership gives police the power along with shops and stores within the partnership to ban those individuals who are caught shoplifting and to take positive action to support the reduction of crime within the town centre."

"The radio link facility gives police a direct link between all shops and stores within the DBBCP which can help with passing on offender information."

Retailers can find out more by contacting David Bryce on 01384 813191.

Spa and gym ready to go

A GYM and spa will be opened at a golf club near Dudley at the end of the month, creating three jobs.

Bosses at Halfpenny Green Golf Club, Swadlow, have invested tens of thousands of pounds renovating and equipping the old club house for the Halfpenny Health Club & Spa when it opens on July 28.

It will host a Zumbathon and spa sessions at the opening at 2pm. Tickets are £5. Proceeds will go to the British Heart Foundation.

Have a coffee

THE Hagley branch of the Mothers' Union is inviting people to a coffee morning today (Thursday) at St Saviour's Hall, Hagley from 10.45am. Entrance is £1.

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Driver in chase hit speeds of 80mph

A BANNED driver, who led police on a three-mile, high-speed in the Black Country, chase weeks after being freed from jail, has been sent back for 14 months.

John Field, who had a conviction for dangerous driving, cut corners and went the wrong way round traffic islands. He reached 80mph in a 40mph zone, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

He was in a BMW he had bought for £300, Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said.

Field then lost control, demolished a garden wall and careered into a Rover parked on the drive of a house in Wollescote Road, Cradley, the court was told.

The 24-year-old had earlier tried to steal a satellite navigation system from a BMW iat motor company in Station Road, Old Hill.

Field caused £640 damage smashing the back window and trying to remove the sat nav motor, Mr Searle said.

Hours later police spotted him acting suspiciously in Chapel House Lane, Halesowen, and the chase started when he sped off.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said Field bought the car at auction and had in-ended it for his girlfriend.

Field, of no fixed address, admitted dangerous driving, attempted theft from a car and driving while banned. He was jailed for 14 months.

Pub venture for brewers

TWO neighbouring Black Country breweries have teamed up to open their first pub together.

Chris Sadler of Sadler's Ales, Lye, and David Craddock, of Craddock's Brewery, Stourbridge, have set up Two Thirsty Brewers to run the old King Charles II restaurant in New Street, Worcester, as a traditional pub. Mr Sadler, managing director of Sadler's, said: "We have a similar vision."

Two Thirsty Brewers is also working to re-open the Bridgnorth Brewery.

Bookings soon

A £3.5 million hotel in Dudley which will create 35 jobs is less than a week away from opening. Workers have finished building the 63-bedroom Premier Inn in Castlegate Business Park and bosses hope it will be open on Monday.

Dealers who rammed police vehicle jailed



Chaudary Shaban - driver

TWO drug dealers who were found with more than 250 wraps of cocaine and heroin worth nearly £6,000 when they rammed a police car after being snared in a sting operation have been jailed for a more than seven years.

Chaudary Shaban and Morrad Hussain were dealing from a stolen Volkswagen Golf, in Baptist End Road, Dudley, when police spotted them. Police had pulled up in front of the car when the driver Shaban accelerated towards them.

Mr Darron Whitehead, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court when Shaban realised he was 'not going to win the battle', he reversed and sped away. But the dealers found themselves in a dead end in Bank Road.

Hussain, of Himley Road, Dudley, ran away and was not arrested until weeks later. Shaban,

aged 35, of Corbett Street, Smethwick, was still in the car when officers swooped on January 6.

Some 61 wraps of heroin and 68 of crack cocaine were stashed in the car, while another 92 had been thrown into bushes. A stun gun was also discovered in the car, along with £761.

DNA from a pair of trainers left behind led police to Hussain, and when they raided his home on February 21 another 10 heroin wraps and 11 cocaine wraps were under his bed.

Paid

A total of £12,500 was spread across the seven-bedroom property, but Hussain denied this was his. In total 173 crack cocaine wraps and 79 of heroin were found in the pair's possession.

Shaban, who has two children, told police he was a paid driver for a drug dealer, but insisted

the drugs were not his, the court heard. Mr Earl Pinnock, defending Shaban, said his client 'accepted his situation' and knew he faced jail.

Hussain, 29, had fled with the drugs found under his bed but he did not accept responsibility for the cash, Mr Simon Rippon, defending, said.

Shaban admitted possession with intent to supply of heroin and cocaine, with dangerous driving and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Hussain admitted two charges of possessing heroin with intent to supply and two of possessing cocaine with intent to supply.

Shaban was jailed for 45 months for the drugs offences, and three months each for the stun gun and driving. Hussain got 30 months for the initial drugs charges and a further six months relating to drugs in his home.

Confusion over one-way parking 'causing chaos'

CONFUSED motorists are causing chaos in a village by entering a one-way parking area from the wrong direction, it has been claimed.

Access to the route off Kent Street, Upper Gornal, is opposite St Peter's Church with the exit near to the Gornal Dynasty and Spice Fusion takeaways.

But some drivers have been mistakenly entering the parking area through the exit and are then forced to drive the wrong way along the route - increasing the risk of accidents.

If another vehicle is travelling in the opposite direction one of them has to pull in, or reverse if there are no parking spaces available, to avoid a collision.

The route is too narrow for a vehicle to turn around once it has entered the wrong way and it is difficult to exit the area using the entrance which is at a sharp angle.

Hoped

Residents have complained about the problem and called for action to the access and exit points to be marked more clearly.

New signs have now been installed along the route which it is hoped will deal with the problem.

Small signs were in place previously but residents said they were not clear enough and were easily missed by drivers.

Councillor Keiran Casey,

by Lee Watton

who campaigned for the new signs along with fellow ward member Adam Aston, said it had been a serious issue.

"The small section of road in front of the Arcade has always had a few problems," he said.

"The majority of people enter and exit in the right direction.

"However, we were contacted by a steady stream of residents who said on occasions some people were entering and leaving in the wrong direction causing chaos.

"Therefore we pushed the council and asked for bigger in and out signs to be installed. This has now been done.

"We hope it will put a permanent end to people entering the road in the wrong direction."

Councillor Casey said the road was not officially one-way but was simply too narrow - especially with cars parked on both sides - for it to function as a two-way route.

Store banks on shoppers to help out



Anne Danks, left, from the Trussell Trust, Shane Green, services manager, and community champion Sue Goodby

A SUPERMARKET in Dudley called on its customers to give generously, as part of its food bank drive.

The Tesco Extra store on Burnt Tree set up the collection point for two days in a bid to help local people struggling to afford meals.

Organisers asked customers to buy something extra during their shop to hand over for the bank. The store will donate an extra 30 per cent of everything collected.

The supermarket has teamed up with the Trussell Trust Food bank to

run the scheme, and all donations are distributed amongst local food banks. Communities manager Shane Green said: "We have already had the food banks come and pick up some of the donations. I know they will be given to local families who are struggling to put food on the table."

This is not the first time the supermarket has run the scheme.

In November it collected 4,000 meals worth of donations for local food banks.

People have donated a variety of items, including tins, UHT milk, pasta

saucers and rice.

Mr Green said: "We are well on our way to exceeding the numbers of meals we raised last year, and we are very grateful to all our customers for their donations."

Those who use food banks are referred by a range of professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau staff, welfare officers, probation workers and teachers. They are given vouchers to collect meals for their family.

NEWS in brief

Swim sessions for youngsters

YOUNGSTERS are being encouraged to take the plunge with intensive swimming lessons at Dudley Leisure Centre.

Staff at the Wellington Road centre in have organised intensive swimming lessons for children aged five and over from August 19 to 23. The 30-minute sessions will run at 9am, 9.30am, 10am and 10.30am. There is a fee.

Culture councillor Tracy Wood said: "This is a great opportunity for youngsters to improve their confidence and technique."

Poster reveals contact details

AN online resource helping residents in Dudley raise issues with their councillors has gone live.

Dudley Council has unveiled a poster with contact numbers for every member and information on ways people can raise issues with the council, including through Twitter, Facebook and community forums. The poster is available at www.dudley.gov.uk/about/councillors/councillors-poster/

Activity planned for the holidays

A RANGE of summer children's activities are being planned at Dudley Leisure Centre during the school summer holidays.

The centre, in Wellington Road, will be holding activity sessions for children, aged eight to 14, every Tuesday to Thursday starting on July 30. Staff have also laid on sports coaching sessions.

Day-long sessions cost £15 and youngsters should bring lunch and refreshments. Call 01384 812800.

Hats off for fun at ales festival

A SILLY hat competition will form part of the fun at this year's Dudley Winter Ales Fair.

It will be held in Dudley Town Hall, St James's Road from November 28 to 30. On the Saturday there will be a £10 beer voucher at stake for the silliest hat.

There will also be a breweriana auction on the Saturday at 2.15pm in aid of two local charities.

Conservation call

THE Friends of Wren's Nest Nature Reserve are a conservation volunteer event at the site from 9.30am on August 15. Places need to be booked on 01384 812785.

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MAYBE it's a consequence of spending too long in the sun, but I feel a tinge of sympathy for the MP who claimed £1,000 off the taxpayer for help with his expenses claims.

Joe Benton, Labour MP for Bootle, claimed for IT assistance because the Parliamentary watchdog insisted all claims should be processed by computer.

Mr Benton, who is 79, said he was not computer literate, leading to howls of derision that he is 'out of touch'. But why is it taken for granted these days that everybody is a cyber-whizz?

By admitting he struggles with technology, Mr Benton has demonstrated he is just an ordinary 79-year-old bloke.

Which surely makes him more in touch with voters than the mass of policy wonks and career politicians who seem to populate Westminster these days.

MEANWHILE, former Mayor of Dudley Councillor Ray Burston has resigned from the authority's shadow cabinet after revealing he used his council computer to download pornography.

Perhaps he should have had called for some advice.

AFTER a few years in well-deserved obscurity, loveable former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins has crawled out of the woodwork again.

Her latest contribution has been an article in a tabloid newspaper entitled: Why women hate Katherine Jenkins. But do they?

According to Hopkins, the Welsh singer has 'blonde hair, puppy-dog eyes', a 'simpering smile and eye lashes stolen from the nearest available Guernsey cow'.

And if that's not enough reason to hate someone, what is?

For the uninitiated, highlights of Katie's appearance on The Apprentice involved a feud with fellow candidate Adam Hosker, for having the temerity to be born north of Watford, branding another one of her colleagues 'a dog', and sneering at the dress sense of the eventual winner, Kristina Grimes.

She was also pictured romping half-naked in a field, and in a special touch of class, she boasted on her CV about an affair with a married man.

I can understand why Katie Hopkins might hate the successful, attractive and popular – not to mention fabulously wealthy – Katherine Jenkins, I'm just not convinced the feeling is universal.

Now if the article was entitled Why Everyone Hates Katie Hopkins...



One of the rehung bells in the belfry at Christ Church, Lye



The 200-year-old bell tower



Restored bells featuring new wheels, clappers and headstocks

Hard work means bells ring out again

A routine check set into motion a project to save a unique set, as **PETER MADELEY** found out

IT has taken almost four years of hard work, but parishioners in Lye can celebrate a towering achievement after the unique set of bells at their church were restored to their former glory.

The bells first summoned worshippers to Christ Church in High Street almost 130 years ago, but they have rarely been used in recent times due to their poor state of repair.

But now, in the year the church celebrates its bicentennial, the peal of eight bells can once again be heard ringing out across Lye.

The project started in June 2009 when a committee was set up to look at the possibility of restoring the bells to full working order and improving the condition of the tower in which they are housed.

Consisting of six church members and two conscripts from the Worcestershire & District Change Ringing Association (W&DCRA), the committee launched a campaign in early in 2010 which raised more than £30,000.

Danger

Chairman Bob Field, aged 76, explained: "For some years the local ringing association had been saying work was needed on the bells to restore them for operational use. Then, during a routine inspection of the belfry, the church architect noticed the steel frame supporting the bells was badly corroded. "There was a real danger that the entire tower was becoming unsafe."

The committee set about raising the funds to complete the work, and secured grants totalling £13,000 from the W&DCRA, the Garfield Weston Trust and the Landfill Communities Fund.



Bob Field in the ringing chamber of Christ Church before it was refurbished

A further £18,000 was raised locally through donations and a range of events including skittle evenings and quiz nights. The work, which included fitting new clappers, headstocks and wheels to suit the size of the bells, was carried out by specialist bell hangers Matthew Higby of Bath.

David Chiswell, 65, a member of the W&DCRA's belfry advisory panel, has been a driving force behind the project having completed a similar restoration at St Giles, Rowley Regis.

He said: "This type of restoration does not come cheap, and the bulk of the money we raised was spent on getting the bells in a state to be rung."

Mr Field added: "We were able to save quite a lot of money by doing jobs ourselves that did not require the expertise of a bell hanger."

"Although David has more than 50

a series of mathematical patterns that first became popular in the 17th century. "They are unique," he says. "There is no other set of Belgian bells in the country used for change ringing, and maybe not anywhere in the world."

Mr Chiswell adds: "The bells are amongst the lightest in the world as far as church or tower bells are concerned. "They are of great historical value and should be cherished and preserved."

The final stage of the project was completed in June when students from Sandwell College redecorated the interior of the ringing chamber.

Mike Barnbrook, head of construction at the college and a parishioner at Christ Church, said: "It is fantastic experience for our students to be involved in this project. "I have been in the trade for 30 years and I can't remember ever painting anything like this."

For Mr Field, the restoration of the bells was something of a labour of love.

Practise

"The main reason I got involved is because I am keen to preserve the historical past," he says.

"In recent years we have lost the altar, the pulpit and fonts from the church, so I was determined not to see the bells going the same way."

The bells were officially rededicated at a service in January, and the church is planning a celebratory peal in September featuring bell ringers from the Stourbridge area.

The Rev Simon Falshaw, 52, says he would like the church to have its own team of bell ringers. "It's not a simple pastime and it takes a lot of practise, but I would love for us to be able to build up a local team," he says.

"I am very grateful for the hard work put in by everyone involved and I must say the project has been a great success."

"The bells are such a loud musical instrument with a really unique sound, and I think the people of the town like the fact that we have them at the church."

"Lye is known for its balti houses, but now we've got bells as well."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A SHOCK report on limestone workings in the Black Country showed that conditions were far worse than anyone had feared. Council chiefs estimated the cost of safety work on the labyrinth of caverns under Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley could be £100m.

PLANNERS in South Staffordshire gave the go-ahead to a controversial £1m scheme to drill for oil and gas in the hamlet of Calf Heath. Residents had opposed the scheme, saying it could lead to a "miniature Dallas" on their doorstep.

A BUS driver turned his double-decker into an ambulance when one of his passengers was taken ill. Driver John Wilkinson drove the crowded number 74 bus to Sandwell District General Hospital after a woman collapsed on route to

1993...

A DIABETIC boy sparked a massive police search after he ran away from school to avoid detention. More than 30 officers joined the search for the 12-year-old who was eventually found in Beatties in Wolverhampton.

FOUR new stamps were launched at the Black Country Museum in Dudley to mark a milestone in canal history. The Royal Mail unveiled the stamps to commemorate the bicentenary of Britain's inland waterways.

A WOLVERHAMPTON artist took a step back in time to the Wars of the Roses in a specially-commissioned mural for Warwick Castle. Adrian Clamp's depiction of the eve of the Battle of Barnet in 1471 was put on display at an outdoor site in the castle grounds.

2003...

TWO FORMER comrades-in-arms were reunited after reading an article in the Express & Star. George Jones of Kingswinford met up with his wartime friend Albert Isaac who he had not seen for 51 years.

WOLVES fan, Odin Henrikssen from Norway, travelled more than 1,000 miles and drove over seven hours to see the team train. Odin, who travelled with his wife Gjertrud and sons Jonas, nine and Fredrik, five, all clad in Wolves shirts, was here on his summer holidays.

EIGHTEEN-year-old Russel Harrold became one of the youngest musicians in the country to be appointed as musical director for a show. The teenager landed the role to direct Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company's performance of 42nd Street at the Grand Theatre.

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LETTERS

Forget tourism, people want shops

ANOTHER week, another proposed closure in Dudley town. This time it's WH Smith, a massive blow to our once proud town, this is on top of Thomas Cook and Stuart Henry shutting in King Street.

It's 25 years since Merry Hill opened and still the council has no plan for the town. Promise after promise but nothing ever happens. Forget tourism, people want decent shops. There has been too much emphasis on the market regeneration and not enough on keeping the few decent shops we have left by cleaning up the environment

around them for shoppers. If cheaper rates and free parking was introduced, this would help these businesses' stay and this would improve the chances of attracting more decent shops.

Another regeneration officer, but it's the same old message as the previous one. As other towns listen to its residents views, our council shuns its own shoppers and traders because they are not interested in Dudley competing with Westfield's Brierley Hill. It's no coincidence that since Dudley lost main town status in 2008 the place has been in free fall. The people of Dudley are

proud and have been let down by career councillors who don't deserve their vote. After years of Tory ruling in the borough I was expecting a change in direction from the Labour party, but it is following the plan that the previous council were following running the retail side down to the gutter.

I welcome the college development and hope we do have a supermarket sooner rather than later but its 10 years too late in my view. Oh yes, save the Hippodrome!

STEPHEN BRISCOE
Dudley Regeneration group

Consider the Hippodrome

AT some point someone thought it was a great idea to paint the chairlift at Dudley Zoo yellow, and officials agreed.

Also, at some point, someone thought it was a great idea to paint the front entrance to the zoo green; and officials agreed.

More recently, however, officials seem to be embracing the power of nostalgia to encourage the growth of tourism to the castle and zoo and are reversing these ghastly decisions by firstly returning the chairlift to its original colour, and now currently working to remove all traces of the grisly green.

So, to the minority who think demolishing the Hippodrome would be a great idea, I suggest that it may be fruitful in many years to come to consider the options provided by campaigners.

It would be such a shame to look back on the loss of such an historic and iconic building with regret, at a time when a new lick of paint in a different colour will not be enough to reverse the damage done!

LORRAINE TAYLOR
Kates Hill
Dudley

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Another bin will be plastic monstrosity

DUDLEY councillors plan to replace black bin bags with yet another large plastic monstrosity which will sit on people's drives adding to the green bins making our homes look like Steptoe and Son's yard? Yet another plastic bin!

I live in a house which has no direct access to the side or back of the property and this ugly edifice will have to reside along with its equally ugly counterpart the green bin at the front of my house! Now the council is saying that this method is more efficient and cost effective! Really?

At the moment I have 52 black plastic bags delivered to my address. Each week on one evening I secure a bag of rubbish and leave it at the end of my driveway. The next morning the refuse collectors come along and pick it up and throw it into the refuse collection vehicle. No problem.

Now, the council is saying I should fill a plastic bin and it is cost effective for that bin to be manhandled into the specially adapted carrier which then deposits the contents into the vehicle. I will have to put all my rubbish into a black plastic bag - I then put it into the new plastic bin and the refuse collectors then empty the bin! Is this efficiency?

The bin is then left anywhere in the road, especially on pavements which obstructs pedestrians until the owners can remove it and remember the majority go out to work.

S FOX, Halesowen

We don't need speedway here

AS someone who lives within a stone's throw of Caste Gate, I for one fully support Dudley Council's rejection of plans for a speedway stadium in the vicinity and with it, the inevitable noise and traffic nuisance it would bring.

I note Mike Thompson, (Chronicle letters July 11) who supports the idea, lives in Rowley Regis, three miles from his suggested site.

A noisy, smelly and dirty stadium should be built on brown field sites or disused airfields miles from anywhere, so that petrol heads and the like can enjoy their pointless pursuits in isolation. Failing that, they shouldn't be built at all!

R A SARGEANT
Corporation Road
Dudley

Why The Pleck?

CAN anyone put me out of my misery. Although I am not Black Country born I keep asking people the same question - why do they call the bottom of Bristol Road, Netherton, "The Pleck"? I do hope your readers come up with an answer for me.

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NEWS

How the Dudley Bug will look if plans are passed



The view from Dudley Castle: the low-lying Trilobite structure will allow clear views up to the 11th century castle

IT'S a futuristic design which relates to prehistoric times – this is the new education and conference centre planned for Dudley Zoo which will be built in the shape of a fossil.

The striking Trilobite – otherwise known as the Dudley Bug – is the building earmarked for the site of Dudley Hippodrome should the controversial plans to demolish the theatre be approved at a meeting next month.

These new artist's impressions show how architectural features have been incorporated into the new centre, including sweeping curves which form a fossil shape.

It will highlight Castle Hill's unique history as part of a prehistoric seabed, and educate visitors on creatures such as the trilobite.

It will incorporate a centre for zoology, geology and education and link to the limestone Stores Cavern



Looking from Station Road junction

beneath the zoo. Officials from the zoo said the building will offer uninterrupted views of 11th century Dudley Castle.

They also want the centre to link to the zoo's animals and conservation work and delve into the history of limestone and coal in the area linking the region's industrial heritage.

Major £10 million redevelopment plans are already under way for Castle Hill with a new visitor entrance for the zoo in the pipeline. This would transform the lower levels of the 40-acre site to link with the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust. It is

part of wider plans to boost tourism in Dudley to bring in up to one million visitors a year.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said a European funding bid for the centre would be submitted next year.

Subject to planning permission, Mr Suddock said he hoped work would get underway in 2015/16 and be integrated into the Castle Hill programme.

"Trilobite will expand and improve our education facilities to meet the growing demands placed upon Dudley Zoo and support our new castle experience which opens in October 2014," he said.

Dudley Council leader David Sparks welcomed the design and said he hoped it would provide an iconic addition to the region's landscape.

"The futuristic design of the building is totally in keeping with the world famous Tecton buildings which are such a feature of the zoo," he said.

A public piazza would be created at the entrance of the zoo.

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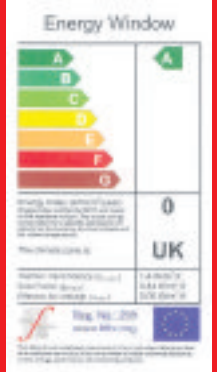
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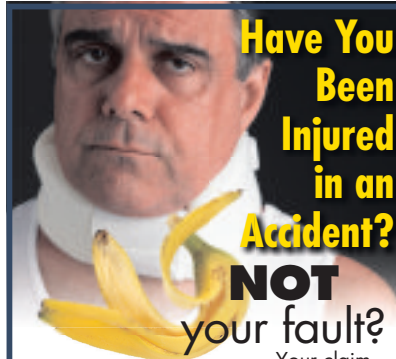
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THE WAY I SEE IT**They must be mad to think MPs should get this pay rise**

LAST week the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, the independent body given responsibility for setting MPs' pay and budgets for costs such as our offices recommended an inflation-busting pay increase.

They say it would not come in until after the election in 2015 and that they would off-set the increase against cuts in the pension scheme and expenses, but I think they must have gone mad.

I know that times are tough for people in places like Dudley. Many are out of work. But even for those in work, I know families are struggling to make end meet as prices and bills go up, but wages stay the same.

So how can they suggest MPs – already well-paid – should get a pay rise?

Rules

I want to be really clear about this: unlike some other MPs, I did not call for this. I do not think it should go ahead and I hope IPSA come to their senses before the election.

But there is an area where I think the rules should be changed and last week I stood up in the Commons and called for new rules to stop part-time MPs making huge amounts of money on the side.

The problems our constituents and the country face are huge and we should be working flat-out to try to solve them.

But too many are millionaires moonlighting with jobs outside. Other part-time



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"I want to be really clear about this: unlike some other MPs, I did not call for this, I do not think it should go ahead and I hope IPSA come to their senses before the election."

Parliamentarians line their pockets with a string of directorships and consultancies.

They claim these jobs keep them in touch with life outside Parliament. What a joke! I keep in touch by knocking on local people's doors every week and listening to what they've got to say.

And anyway, you don't find the part-timers earning huge amounts on the side helping struggling local companies for free instead of the well-paid directorships!

Last Friday, I took our campaign against pay-day lenders to Dudley High Street where so many of these shops have opened in the last few months. These

companies offer people in Dudley struggling to make ends meet quick loans, but hit them with massive interest rates and huge charges. Many never get out of the cycle of debt.

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Limits

People have borrowed a few hundred pounds and ended up paying back thousands.

One nurse needed £100 to replace a car tyre so she could get to work, could never get out of debt, the costs mounted and she ended up paying back £17,000!

I'm campaigning in Parliament for limits to the cost of credit. But I want local

people to avoid these companies like the plague.

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Congratulations to local woman Natasha Millward who has been chosen to stand for Labour in Dudley South at the next election.

Like me, she grew up in the Black Country and we need more MPs like Natasha from ordinary local backgrounds who know what life's like in the real world.

Worked

Natasha was born and brought up in the Black Country.

Her mum is a cleaner in an NHS hospital and her dad is a night guard.

She was the first person in her family to go to university, she lives in Dudley and she's worked as a member of staff and a governor at Dudley College. She's done brilliant work helping local youngsters get a good start in life.

She wants to be a full-time local MP for Dudley South so she can stand up for this area, the people who live here and fight for more investment, more jobs and more opportunities for local people.

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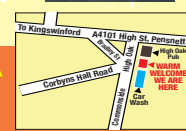
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NEWS

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The Thorns Pub - has been standing empty for more than two years

A LANDMARK Black Country pub is to be refurbished and extended under plans, after standing empty for more than two years.

Plans to revamp the Thorns pub, in Quarry Bank, including an extension to create a new kitchen area, have been submitted to Dudley Council by Birmingham firm BS Enterprises.

The pub, in Thorns Road, was once one of the best-known in the Black Country for its mural of rock stars outside the building and garnering a series of awards for its carvery.

But the pub closed more than two years ago and has remained disused since despite frequent announcements the site was to be refurbished and reopened.

It has been branded an eyesore by residents. Under the plans, the extension would also house a store, washing area, toilets and extra seating for customers.

There would also be a timber-decked chil-

dren's play area to the rear and a seating area to the front of the building.

Trees and shrubs would be planted between the play area and rear of the site and all existing plants would be retained.

A covered yard would be demolished to make way for the new extension if the scheme is approved by members of the development control committee.

Shame

Lye councillor Tremain Herbert said it would be a major boost to the area to have the pub refurbished. "It has been empty for a couple of years and has fallen into a dilapidated condition," she said.

"It is real shame because the pub used to do so well. 'I know it was well used by the people of Lye and Quarry Bank."

"There are so many pubs standing empty in the borough; it is excellent to hear this one could be getting a new lease of life."

Trawling archives ready for show at £6m centre

TWO thousand maps, 400 archive boxes of documents and 120 books, which make up the Earl of Dudley estate collection, are being catalogued so they can go on public display.

Among the items are the plans of Himley Hall's gardens designed by Capability Brown and a papal bull dated 1182 granting churches and lands to the Prior of Dudley, from the Pope.

Dudley Council has received a grant of £42,000 from the National Cataloguing Grants Programme to organise the collection.

It will be housed at the £6 million archives and local history centre being built in Tipton Road, Dudley, opposite the Black Country Living Museum.

Two specialist project workers will catalogue the collection, which spans eight centuries.

It relates to the running of the Earl of Dudley's estate which covered large tranches of the borough.

Among the artefacts is a series of beautiful 19th and 20th century illuminated addresses, some presented when



Project workers Andrew Ireland and Rachael Marsay outside Himley Hall

the second Earl of Dudley was Governor General of Australia in the early 1900s. Cataloguing make the collection accessible for members of the public. Dudley's cabinet member responsible for archives Councillor Stuart Turner said: "We are pleased to receive the cataloguing grant allowing us to catalogue this unique collection."

"The collection is internationally significant, as well as being important to us locally."

"It shows the development of Dudley as a town, along with the surrounding

manors, dating all the way back to the 12th century. The cataloguing process will ensure that the collection can be viewed as well as used for research purposes by everyone."

Work is due to finish next month. Staff will then start moving all of the documents and other archive materials from the site in Mount Pleasant, Coseley, to the new base.

It is due to open to the public in January and will offer a range of activities for individuals, community groups, schools and colleges.

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Drugs found in raid on house

A MAN caught growing almost a dozen cannabis plants in his home told police he turned to cultivating because 'he was getting ripped off by drug dealers', a court heard.

Asa Cartwright, aged 26, of Grovesnor Way, Brierley Hill, was caught with 11 plants up to 3ft-high in two tents in an upstairs room in his house during a raid on May 9. Police believed the drugs carried a street value of more than £2,000.

Cartwright pleaded guilty to growing the drug when he appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court last week.

Mrs Clare Davis, prosecuting, said: "He told police the plants were eight weeks into the crop. He said he was getting ripped off by drug dealers and decided to grow his own to save some money."

Sentenced was adjourned until July 29.

Decision due on plan to build homes at former factory site

ALMOST 100 homes will be built on the site of a former factory in Brierley Hill under new plans aimed at helping to boost the town's regeneration.

Plans to demolish derelict buildings on land off Delph Road to make way for the properties are poised to be given the go-ahead.

Developer Orchard Park Properties Ltd said the housing estate will help to breathe new life into the site, which has been lying empty for more than a decade having previously been home to several manufacturing firms.

The proposals, which will see 96 one to five-

bedroom homes built on the land, were submitted to Dudley Council.

A planning statement, submitted by agent David Leadbetter, said: "The 96 dwellings proposed incorporate a mix of house types ranging from one bed properties to five bed family homes."

Provide

The main access to the site, which is near the Stourbridge Canal, will be from Delph Road.

A footpath/cycle link will be provided from the site onto Anchor Hill.

The development has now been recommended

for approval by planners, who said the scheme would provide 'the opportunity to revitalise and regenerate this part of the borough'.

A final decision was due to be made by councillors at a meeting this week.

Ward councillor Zafar Islam has welcomed the scheme, saying: "This development will help bring a derelict and eyesore site at the top of Delph Road back into use."

"A previous application had been submitted for homes by someone but this failed for whatever reason."

"Now we have an application for 96 homes including some affordable housing."

Park friends win project awards

A PARK friends group in Stourbridge has scooped awards for IT innovation and championing children's projects. The Friends of Wordsley Park group only reformed last year to help improve King George V Park, off Lawnswood Road, for visitors.

Community litter picks, a 'graffiti wall' for young people to use and installing a sensory garden for children have been among work that led members to win two awards at Dudley Council's Green Spaces Awards 2013 – the IT Wizards award and Children and Young People's Champions honour. The IT award recognises the group for setting up its own Facebook page and twitter account.

Ward Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who re-established the group, said: "These awards are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the committee members, working for the greater community in Word-

Gardener hoping cash will bloom



John Massey, who is opening his Kingswinford garden to raise funds for Cancer Support at the White House

SOUTH African plants will be on show when top gardener John Massey welcomes visitors to his canal-side garden near Wall Heath this Saturday. He is opening his garden at Ashwood Nurseries, Lower Lane, to raise money for the Dudley charity, Cancer Support at The White House.

The colourful garden, which has won 50 consecutive gold medals at Royal Horticultural Society shows, boasts diascias, kniphofias, agapanthus and his world-famous range of hellebores, the Ashwood Garden Hybrids.

It will be open from 10am until 4pm. Admission is £5 for adults and free for children. In previous years, Mr Massey has raised almost £250,000 through his gardening for local charities and good causes.

He said: "It has been an awful spring and early summer but nature is a wonderful thing and a garden always comes up with something interesting. I have an area I call South Africa which has many plants from that country and they have really thrived in the recent warm weather. We are very pleased to be able to help another local charity by opening the garden and we are always most grateful to the public who come along to support our efforts."

Volunteers needed to help on old folk trips

A CHARITY that helps elderly people in Dudley is seeking volunteers to help run day trips. Age UK Dudley is looking for drivers and escorts for its Out and About service, which provides outings to places of interest.

Brian Phillips, the charity's senior manager, said the service had become increasingly popular over the past 12 months, with the number of users in the borough increasing by about 20 per cent to more than 140.

He added: "The service currently has six volunteers and we are looking for about three drivers and four or five escorts. That would make a real difference to what we do."

"Out and About recognises the difficulties faced by older people in society in accessing many of the daily services which so many of us just take for granted. A visit to the library, the theatre, or even to the shops can be quite impossible for some without support. Being unable to leave the house reduces social companionship and can often lead to increased feeling of loneliness and social isolation."

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NEWS

Shoppers came to aid of off-duty Pc in arrest

A THIEF was jailed for 23 weeks after admitting assaulting an off-duty policeman as shoppers leapt to his rescue during a violent struggle in a Dudley shop.

by Andrew Turton

Pc Ross Morgan was bitten by Michael Palmer as they had a scuffle in the Tesco Express store, in Moss Grove, Kingswinford, on July 4.

They became embroiled in a violent struggle after the officer approached the thief and tried to pin the man down, with shoppers coming to his aid.

Pc Morgan had popped into the store and spotted Palmer stashing cans of deodorant into his coat.

Resist

He approached the thief and declared he was a police officer.

But a struggle ensued during which a glass jar of pasta sauce was thrown at the officer.

As he continued to resist arrest Pc Morgan said he was bitten on both arms.

However, two members of the public intervened and helped to bring him under control until officers arrived. Police said when he

was brought into custody and searched and a small amount of suspected drugs were found on his person.

Palmer, aged 32, of Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to assaulting Pc Morgan.

He also admitted four charges of theft from a shop, possession of a class B drug, Subutex, and criminal damage after ripping the policeman's t-shirt.

Palmer was given five weeks concurrent jail terms for each of the theft charges and the drugs charge.

He was sentenced to 18 weeks to run consecutively for assaulting Pc Morgan.

There was no separate sentence for the criminal damage.

After the hearing Pc Morgan, who suffered minor scratches and grazes, thanked the public for coming to his aid.

Charity toast to Tina



Tina Lloyd receives a bottle of champagne from Tracy Williams, the general manager of The Kingswinford

A CHARITY worker from Kingswinford has been recognised for her work with older people and others with health issues. Tina Lloyd was named a Community Champion by The Kingswinford Beefeater Grill restaurant for her work with Fit4LifeOver50 in the Dudley borough.

She also received £1,000 to help run her exercise classes for over-50s and those with health issues including heart disease, Alzheimer's and arthritis. Mrs Lloyd, of Tunstall Road, was nominated by her husband John.

Investing

She said she was 'thrilled' to have received the recognition, adding: "Being granted the £1,000 bursary will have a huge positive impact on the health and wellbeing of people over in the Dudley and Wolverhampton borough."

"We will be investing in new exercise equipment as well as establishing new exercise and tai chi classes locally."

Mrs Lloyd, who founded Fit4LifeOver50, will use the money to buy resistance bands, balance balls, hula hoops, small weights, balance balls and physiotherapy equipment, as well as a new sound system.

Sarah Tinsley, head of marketing for Beefeater Grill, said: "Beefeater Grill is proud to help hard working and deserving people like Tina with their work in the local community and we hope to give them a great reason to celebrate, too."

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Red House Residential Care Home in Kingswinford pride themselves in taking the strain away from such decisions offering a wealth of experience in permanent and respite care. Situated in a tranquil location in The Black Country, Red House has been a residential care home since 1987 and is owned and managed by Shirley and David 'O' Donnell. The home is located just off the High Street in Kingswinford (opposite the Old Court House pub) at The Village, a picturesque location next to St Mary's Church and this relaxed setting helps residents and their families feel at home from day one. The home is spotlessly clean and caters for

just 8 residents although there is a room vacancy at present offering care for two people. Shirley, who has travelled the world extensively as a nurse and carer, commented "The house is over 300 years old and used to be owned by The Earl of Dudley so is steeped in tradition which we have always tried to keep as well as updating it both in decor and facilities. The relaxed atmosphere is very important to us and this is reflected



in each of the rooms which can cater for up to two people. Each room has their own TV and the residents have the option of eating in their rooms or joining us in the dining room". Shirley and David are supported ably by their dedicated staff and are also looking to expand their team with part time Care Assistant positions available.

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The process starts when a customer gets in touch to discuss ideas. "We always listen clearly," says David. "We try very hard to deliver the dream, and if there are changes to be made, then they're always positive ones - maybe an idea the customer hadn't thought of, or an addition to something that would make all the difference. Our designers are hugely experienced, and can explain the technicalities in layman's terms, so everyone's very clear on the outcome."

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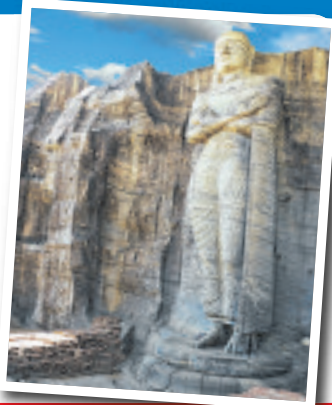
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CLUB NEWS

History of park told by guest

BLACKHEATH 'M' TWG

THE June 26 meeting was opened by chairman Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members, visitors and speaker Ken Smith.

Monthly reports were given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and Press officer Iris Harris.

The monthly free raffle took place and three ladies received prizes.

Members held a 'baking day' when an abundance of home-made goodies were sold and money raised for charity. Doreen thanked the members for the excellence of the produce.

The chairman then introduced Mr Smith, whose talk was entitled Haden Hill. With commentary and slides and some old photographs he took the ladies through the history of this wonderful local park. He covered the history of both of the houses on the estate, the Tudor House and Haden Hill and the names of the families who had owned them.

The park is now owned by Sandwell Council but a lot of money is raised by members of The Friends Haden Hill of which Ken is chairman, to help maintain the estate.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Hartley.

The next meeting is on Wednesday July 24 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Speaker will be Angela Webb on 'A Day in the Life of a Vet'.

BGT Jean performs at celebration lunch



Organist Jean Martyn entertains at the CAMEO Ladies meeting

CAMEO LADIES

JANE Emery, chairman, welcomed members to Patshull Park Hotel which was the setting for a celebration lunch to commemorate the Queen's 60 years on the throne. This was followed by entertainment with Britain's Got Talent finalist Jean Martyn. She entertained members with her concert keyboard.

The day concluded with members joining

in singing and flag waving. The best hat of the day was won by Gloria Cornwell.

Raffle proceeds organised by Elaine Lay will go towards the group's charity for 2013, a special chair bed for Compton Hospice.

Each member was given a white geranium to take home as a memento of the day.

Bodge job as rugs made

QUARRY BANK E TOWNSWOMEN

VICE chairman Mrs Raybould took the chair and welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

Members were informed that chairman Mrs Wright was making good progress after a hip replacement op. The club sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Afternoon tea has been

arranged at Dunsley Hall on August 13. Tickets were distributed to those involved in the federation lunch at the Mill Hotel and names were taken of those wishing to be included on the Harvest Supper at Wollaston.

It was a nostalgic evening as 'The Bantock Bodgers' led by Jan Harrison gave a demonstration of 'bodge rugs' which most older members remembered being worked upon by their grandmothers and great aunts.

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NEWS

Campaign sees donor register reach 62,000

Miracle Makers celebrated



AAA screening co-ordinator Tracey Bayliss, front seated, with consultants and patients at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital

THEY are a team dubbed the 'Miracle Makers' after saving the lives of men who arrived at their doctor's surgery for a routine check up.

Now the patients have thanked medical staff with a celebratory party for giving them a new lease of life and hope for the future.

All the patients have survived after coming through a region-wide screening programme run from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

More than 4,000 men over the age of 65 have been screened since the Black Country AAA screening programme was launched last year.

The screening scans for any trace of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) which is a potentially fatal condition where a main blood vessel from the

heart swells, leaving it at risk of rupture. In total 53 aneurysms were detected in the past few months, prompting urgent action, including life-saving surgery.

Among those treated was Royal Mail sorting office worker Tom Walker, aged 65, who received a routine check up letter to his Wednesday home last year. He said he was ready to throw it away but his wife Sue persuaded him to go for a screening.

Within days it was discovered that Mr Walker had an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was immediately referred to a consultant for treatment.

Following surgery last August, Mr Walker says he has come to realise how thankful he was for the work of the staff.

THOUSANDS of people in Dudley have signed up to the organ donor register since the start of a council campaign 12 months ago.

The numbers shot up by six per cent to 62,143 from 58,842 – a rise of 3,301 people, which is higher than the national increase.

Dudley Council joined forces with NHS Blood and Transport to help boost numbers and was only the second local authority to sign up to an innovative partnership aimed at promoting the life-saving register.

It comes as bosses marked National Transplant Week last week, which aimed to raise awareness.

This year, the theme Pass It On will focus on encouraging residents not to just sign up to the NHS Organ Donor Register, but to crucially tell their loved ones about their wishes.

Huge

Cabinet member for health and well-being Councillor Stuart Turner said: "I am delighted the work we have been doing to promote the importance of signing up to the Organ Donor Register has had such a positive impact."

"Signing up to the register really is a matter of life and death for some people."

"This work really does make a huge difference to the families affected by transplants and I would urge people to find out more about getting involved."

Director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant Sally Johnson said: "We need a transformation in donor and family consent to organ donation because the UK's family refusal rate remains one of the highest in Europe."

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Steve Bull celebrating winning the Third Division Championship



Graham Turner and Steve Bull with the Third Division Championship trophy

Third Division – we've been there before . . .

AS Wolves supporters contemplate a season of watching the team in the third tier of English football we must take comfort in the fact that the team has been there before, and did not spend long languishing in the lower reaches.

What is now grandly called Division One we all know is really the Third Division. In 1923 the Wolves finished 22nd in Division Two, and were relegated to the third tier for the first time, then Division 3 (North).

George Robey, the manager kept his job for the following season, something which would not happen

by Alec Brew

today, and rewarded the club by immediately leading them to the championship, losing only three matches in the league.

Most of the team were new, and it was a centre forward brought in from Ebbw Vale, Harry Lees, who led the scoring charts with 21 league goals and one in the FA Cup.

Struggled

Wolves did not stay long the next time they found themselves in Division 3, they passed right through.

Relegated from Division 2 in 1985, they struggled all season, won only 11 games, and were rele-

gated yet again. They were to spend two seasons in Division 4, and it was two men in particular who began the club's rise back up the divisions, Graham Turner, the manager, and the centre forward he famously stole from West Brom, Steve Bull.

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NEWS

Newlywed gets a chairlift to reception



What an entrance! Newlywed Georgina Rice arrives at her wedding reception on board Dudley Zoo's chairlift

A newlywed couple got a bird's eye view of married life when they travelled to their wedding reception on board Dudley Zoo's vintage chairlift.

Georgina and Steven Rice took the two-minute ride to the courtyard of Dudley Castle where a marquee had been set up for the big celebration.

It is believed to be the first time the historic chairlift has been used for a wedding – although receptions are regularly held in the castle grounds.

A wedding car transported the couple to the bottom of the chairlift before they got on board. The happy couple were met at the top by their 70 guests.

The couple, who live in Dudley, tied the knot on July 6 at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, before enjoying a wedding breakfast at the Village Hotel, Castle Gate. They then travelled on to the zoo, in Castle Hill, for the evening reception.

And the icing on the wedding cake came when the happy couple were

transported to the celebration in the castle grounds aboard the famous chairlift.

The lift is the only one of its kind left in the country. It was re-opened last year following refurbishment.

Mr and Mrs Rice, still dressed in their wedding finery, had their picture taken on board the lift.

Mr Rice, 50, said he and his 30-year-old wife were both police officers and had met through their work.

Special

He said they had wanted to do something a little different for their big day.

"We wanted to make a good entrance and this helped us to do exactly that. The weather was also brilliant."

Dudley Zoo spokesman Jill Hitchman added: "When we heard about the request we were determined to make it a special moment."

"We were slightly concerned the dress would not fit into the chair but we need not have worried."



The newlyweds Steve and Georgina

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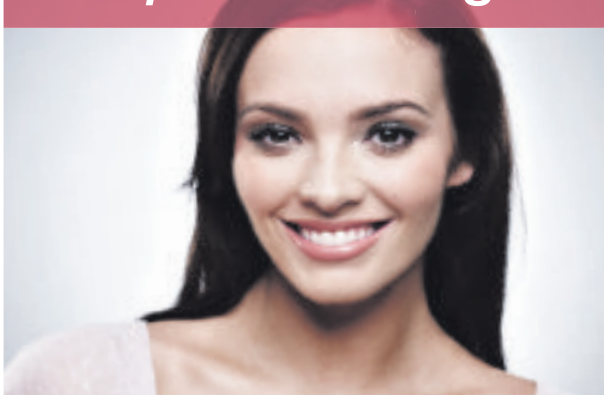
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What's On! Dudley

ALBUM REVIEWS

Black Sabbath – 13

BRUMMIE rock royalty reconvene for what producer Rick Rubin says they should think of as their second album.

Now 13 doesn't really recapture the raw sound of Sabbath's 1970 debut but there are glimpses of that spirit on this original line-up reunion – that should be enough for any heavy metal fan to get a copy. Trade-marks are present, tolling bell, religion-baiting lyrics, Ozzy Osbourne's desolate wail and mighty Tony Iommi riffs.

Highlights include Zeitgeist with its funky undercurrent and the epic End of the Beginning. Appetites are well and truly whetted for Black Sabbath's homecoming gigs at the LG on December 20 and at the NIA on December 22.

Birmingham rock band the Editors can be moodily magnificent but too much of new album The Weight Of Your Love sounds bogus and empty, an obvious bid for stadium rock status. I can understand why guitarist Chris Urbanowicz bailed out.

It's good to hear blonde Abba star Agnetha Fältskog again, her mellower tones exercised on solo album 'A' by a fairly bland bunch of ballads and disco numbers. She also duets with Gary Barlow. The Proclaimers hit the scene more than 25 years ago and the Scottish twins celebrate with A Very Best Of, which for most listeners doesn't stretch beyond 500 Miles and Letter To America. **LB**

Manfreds topping the bill at brand new blues-rock festival

WBOS men ready to bare all for Monty

MEMBERS of West Bromwich Operatic Society are gearing up to bare all in a production of The Full Monty in September.

The company, in its 75th anniversary year, will be staging the musical at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from September 24 to 28. Rehearsals are now well under way for the show which features a 40-strong cast with amateur actors and singers from across the Black Country.

Director John Wetherall said: "We have really managed to attract the cream of amateur talent to become members of the show and we are extremely lucky for that." The hit musical tells of a group of unemployed men who find pay and pride in stripping for a living.

Mr Wetherall added: "It attracts people who don't necessarily go to the theatre all the time and it is a great opportunity for someone that doesn't go to musicals to be pretty much guaranteed a night of enjoyment."

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Cheeky chaps – the WBOS Full Monty crew, from left, Lyndon Flavell, Andy Foggin, Fidel Lloyd, Callum McArthur, and Simon McGee

THE MANFREDS, featuring 1960s singing star and BBC Radio 2 DJ Paul Jones, will top the bill at a new blues and rock festival being held between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth.

Hilton Music Festival, held in marquees at Grange Fruit Farm beside the A454, is a two-day event over the weekend of August 10 and 11.

The Manfreds, also featuring original Manfred Mann members Paul McGuinness and Mike Hugg, are the Saturday headliners.

Topping the bill on the Sunday will be Guitarist Magazine's acoustic player of the year winner Nikke Murray, who will also be performing the day before.

Saturday also features gutsy young blues and soul singer Jo Harman, Mi'Das (Mike Davies), raucous rock band The Wholls and rockabilly outfit The Rebelbeats.

The Sunday line up includes Stackridge members Andy Davis, Clare Lindley and Brian Mullan (DLM) with banjo wizard Leon Hunt, folk-rock duo Blackheart, and guitarist-electric harpist Jennifer Crook. There will be several other acts completing the line-up. For details call the festival hotline on 07583 484127.

Guitar legend has Robin date

ROCK Guitar legend Michael Schenker appears at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday in one of only three UK club shows. His band boasts ex-Scorpions stars Herman Rarebell (drums) and Francis Buscholz (bass). MSG stalwart Wayne Findlay (keyboards) and Doogie White (Rainbow/Yngwie Malmsteen) on vocals. Call 01902 401211 to book or pay £25 on the door.



Blues festival date The Manfreds

REVIEW

Trouble is it's so predictable

The Trouble With Old Lovers, Grand Theatre 'OH what a tangled web we weave' may be a cliché, but also the truth when old lovers come together after 20 years.

The Trouble With Old Lovers is the third in the Ian Dickens' Summer Play Season at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre and tells the tale of two couples, who before they were married, dated each other.

It focuses on their subsequent reactions to their ex-partners, when one wife invites the other couple to dinner.

Comical

What she had not bargained for however, was the real identity of a woman the couple ask to bring along with them.

This is a classic case of a first rate group of actors, cast in a play, the plot of which is rather predictable and at times, a little tedious. That said though, the message is very clear – marriage triumphs over adultery.

Emmerdale star, Peter Amory, gives an excellent performance as Tom, the philandering husband-while Simon Linnell's comical portrayal of the sleazy Edward offers light relief. Nicola Bryant as the betrayed wife, Alice, is the linchpin of this production.

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Oliver Coleman

Casualty
BBC1, 9.10pm
Things are more tense than usual in the long-running medical drama this week. Instead of patients stepping on rakes or falling off ladders, tempers become heated as the prison riot escalates, putting Jeff and Tom in grave danger. Meanwhile, at the hospital Tess treats two sisters who have a lot on their plate. One of them is being suffering from headaches, and when another member of the family falls ill with potentially fatal consequences, the truth behind their home life suddenly becomes all too apparent.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Live Golf: The Open Championship. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Golf: The Open Championship. Further coverage of the third day's play at Muirfield.
6.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) Archaeologist Indiana Jones tries to locate the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis can get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford.
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts as five contestants pit their wits in a bid to win a share of the loot. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Scott Mills. Last in the series.
9.10 Casualty. The prison riot escalates, putting both Tom and Jeff in grave danger, while at the hospital Tess treats two young sisters who bear a great burden for such small shoulders. The series returns in two weeks' time.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes worries about Dermot's choice of best man for the wedding, but is distracted when her neighbour Winnie's husband is rushed into hospital.
10.30 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Film: Face/Off (1997) An FBI agent has the face of a terrorist grafted onto his own to foil a bombing, only for the criminal to assume his identity. Action thriller, with Nicolas Cage and John Travolta.
1.00 Film: Hooper (1978) **2.35** Weatherview. **2.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35 Film: Wagon Train** (1940) **7.35 Film: The Big Street** (1942) **9.00 A History of Scotland** (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (R) **11.30 What to Eat Now** (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** University Challenge (R) **1.15** EastEnders (R) **3.10** Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble (R) **4.10** Flog It! **5.10** Escape to the Country (R)
6.10 Live Golf: The Open Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the conclusion of the third day's play at Muirfield, where the remaining players on the course complete their penultimate rounds.
7.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon are assigned to guard a vital telephone line through the night, but wake to find an unexploded bomb caught in the wires. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe (R)
8.10 David Starkey's Music and Monarchy. New series. The author and broadcaster explores how the monarchy has shaped the history of British music, beginning by examining the stories of kings who were also composers.
9.10 Top of the Lake. The search for Tui Mitcham escalates as Robin pursues a suspect to his house for questioning, but the situation quickly spirals out of control. Thriller, with Elisabeth Moss.
10.10 IQ XL (R)
10.55 Film: Strawberry Fields (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Anna Madeley.
12.20 Golf: The Open Championship - Highlights. **1.05** Film: Repo Chick. (2009) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote (R) **11.15** Saturday Funnies (R) **11.30** Weather. **12.25** All Star Mr & Mrs (R) **1.25** The Chase (R) **2.25** All Star Family Fortunes (R) **3.10** Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001)
6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.15 ITV News: Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! (R)
7.00 You've Been Framed! Cornical clips, including an alligator that hates raccoons. (R)
7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Denise Van Outen joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.
8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Broadchurch star Carolyn Pickles and actor Perry Fenwick (EastEnders' Billy Mitchell) team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity.
9.45 The Americans. An assassin is sent to kill American scientists.
10.45 ITV News: Weather.
11.00 Film: Fearless. (2006) Fact-based martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li.
12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Caterham Motorsports. **7.25** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. A hairdresser hosts the final dinner party in Wakefield. (R)
6.45 Channel 4 News.
7.15 Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan.
7.20 Grand Designs. A scientist tries to build a carbon-neutral home in Boxford, Suffolk, but the use of untested technology and the uncompromising choice of materials complicate matters. (R)
8.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Radio 1 DJ Greg James and former Dragons' Den star Hilary Devey try to answer questions correctly to hold onto £1million for charity. Presented by Davina McCall. Last in the series.
10.00 Film: The American. (2010) Premiere. Thriller, with George Clooney and Violante Placido.
12.00 Film: Carriers. (2009) **1.35** Britain's Oldest Stand-Up. (R) **2.00** The Fishmonger. (R) **2.10** Welcome to Garangry. (R) **2.15** Holyoaks. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.20** SuperScrippers. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **10.55** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.30** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **1.30** Cowboy Traders. (R) **2.30** CSI: NY. (R) **3.25** CSI: NY. (R) **4.15** CSI: NY. (R) **5.15** Film: Jesse Stone: Sea Change. (2007)
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the Second Test at Lord's, where the five-match series continued.
8.00 NCIS. The team becomes involved in an international incident when the body of an American petty officer is discovered, and evidence suggests he was killed on a British ship. (R)
8.55 NCIS. The team investigates the deaths of a radio DJ and a naval officer who were both killed during a live broadcast, and discovers a number of potential suspects. (R)
9.50 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.
12.00 Super Casino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy: Greatest Freakin' Griffin **11.50** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 John Sergeant on Tracks of Empire **8.00** Oceans **9.00** Wallander: Firewall **10.25** Southern Rock at the BBC **11.25** Sweet Home Alabama: The Southern Rock Saga **11.25**
3.55 Funnies Ever You've Been Framed! **4.55** Film: Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **7.30** Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) **9.45** Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999) **11.55** Lemon La Vida Loca
ITV3
9.00 Lewis. A visiting professor is murdered. **11.00** Cold Blood **ITV4**
2.00 Tour de France 2013 Live. Stage 20 from Annecy to Semnoz. **4.30** The Cycle Show **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** The Motorbike Show **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Black Gold **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** Film: Waterworld (1995)
E4
5.25 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.25** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Dance Flick (2009) **10.40** The Inbetweeners **11.45** The Big Bang Theory **Film4**
3.40 Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986) **5.15** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **6.55** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **9.00** Taken (2008). Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** Watchmen (2009). Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson and Jackie Earle Haley.

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The Secret Life of Uri Geller
BBC2, 9pm
We think of Uri Geller and two things spring to mind: the weird art of spoon-bending and a lengthy, well-publicised friendship with Michael Jackson. In his time in the spotlight, the illusionist and paranormal expert has often courted controversy, and everyone now and then he hits the headlines for some bizarre reason or other. But the Beeb's going in with a different angle for this documentary, by exploring the idea that Geller is a psychic spy for intelligence agencies on three continents and has been over a 40-year period.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Live Golf: The Open Championship. **12.30** BBC News; Weather. **12.40** Live Golf: The Open Championship.
7.00 **Celebrity Mastermind.** Charles Campion, Kurtis Stacey, Naga Munchetty and Darren Kenny answer questions on Kenneth Grahame, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Ryder Cup and Wassily Kandinsky. (R)
7.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
8.00 **Countryside.** Essex is this week's location, as Julia Bradbury walks one of Britain's most dangerous footpaths and Matt Baker meets children who are learning about food by growing it themselves. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 **The White Queen.** Elizabeth is devastated to learn Edward has taken a mistress, Anne is made a virtual prisoner after becoming George's ward and Margaret searches for a potential husband.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.15 **Nick and Margaret: We All Pay Your Benefits.** The claimants try out working life in the conclusion of Nick Hewer and Margaret Mountford's experiment to find out who has it best – taxpayers or those on unemployment benefit. (R)
11.25 **Luther.** The cop searches for a vigilante killer. (R)
12.25 **Film:** Night and the City. (1992) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 This is BBC Two. **7.05** **Film:** Split Second. (1953) **8.30** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** **Film:** Easy Virtue. (2008) **1.30** **Film:** The Way We Were. (1973) **3.25** Coast. **3.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.55** Songs of Praise. (R) **5.30** The Mating Game – Natural World Special. (R)
6.30 **Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve.** Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and an entire island has been manufactured as a landfill dump. (R)
7.30 **Wild Cameramen at Work.** Capturing footage of the rarest and most dangerous species on land.
8.00 **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May build a car that can turn into a hovercraft, and two variants of the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG are tested.
9.00 **The Secret Life of Uri Geller.** The illusionist's covert work for intelligence agencies and the military.
10.00 **Live MotoGP.** The US Grand Prix race (Start-time 10.00pm).
11.00 **Mock the Week.** With Rob Beckett, Ed Byrne and Chris Ramsey. (R)
11.30 **What a Load of Buzzcocks.** Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2000. (R)
12.00 **Golf:** The Open Championship – Highlights. **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** **Film:** Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm. (1973) **1.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.30** **Film:** Dragnet. (1987) **4.25** A Touch of Frost. (R) **6.30** **Regional Programme;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News;** Weather.
7.00 **Tippling Point: Lucky Stars.** With Rylan Clark, Debra Stephenson and Colin Baker.
8.00 **All Star Mr & Mrs.** With ex-Emmerdale star Sheree Murphy and her footballer husband Harry Kewell, gardener Diarmuid Gavin with his wife Justine, and broadcaster Johnny Ball with his spouse Di.
9.00 **Law & Order: UK.** Part two of two. Sam is suspended from duty and decides to spend some time with his son, while Brooks and Leyton discover who was responsible for the train crash.
10.00 **ITV News;** Weather.
10.15 **The Talent Show Story.** The role of the judges. Last in the series. (R)
11.15 **Murder, She Wrote.** Metzger's brother is accused of murder. (R)
12.10 **The Store.** **2.15** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Newsnight. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Ironman 2013. **7.30** Statesman Triathlon. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** **Film:** Jungle 2 Jungle. (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.35** **Film:** The Death and Life of Charlie St. Cloud. (2010) **7.25** **Channel 4 News.** **7.55** **Ramadan Diaries.** Short films following British Muslims as they observe the holy month of Ramadan and talk about the effects of fasting. Part of the 4Ramadan season.
8.00 **The Plane That Saved Britain.** Paralympics presenter and former Royal Marines commando Arthur Williams pays tribute to the De Havilland Mosquito, the Second World War aeroplane he believes history has forgotten.
9.00 **The Returned.** Camille's attempt to help friends of the family ends in tragedy. Simon investigates the circumstances of his first death, while Julie and Laure want to run away with Victor.
10.00 **Film: The Fourth Kind.** (2009) Premiere. A psychiatrist uncovers evidence of alien abduction in a small Alaskan town. Sci-fi horror, starring Milla Jovovich and Will Patton.
12.00 **Film:** White Noise. (2005) **1.45** Southland. (R) **2.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.20** Secret Eaters. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloë's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Tolly's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Big Brother. (R) **12.00** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **1.00** **Film:** Mermaids. (1990) **1.05** **Film:** Michael. (1996) **5.10** **Film:** The Kid. (2000)
7.00 **Cricknet: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's, where the five-match series continued.
8.00 **Once Upon a Time.** Snow White's goodness is put to the test.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Big Brother.**
10.00 **Film: Dumb and Dumber.** (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels.
12.15 **Sexters.** **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jamm. (R) **5.05** Hanna's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jamm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hanna's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013
8.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** Family Guy: Greatest Freakin' Griffin **10.00** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics **9.10** Elizabeth Taylor: England's Other Elizabeth **10.05** Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess: Clara Bow **11.05** Arena: Screen Goddesses
ITV2
2.50 **Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **5.05** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **7.45** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **10.00** **Film:** Couples Retreat (2009)
ITV3
3.40 Wycliffe **4.50** Foyle's War **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** **Film:** Parenthood (1989) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin. **11.30** **Film:** Dead Calm (1989)
ITV4
2.25 **Film:** The Far Country (1954) **4.30** Tour de France 2013 Live. The final stage from Versailles to Paris Champs-Élysées. **9.00** River Monsters **10.00** First Among Equals: The Laurie Cunningham Story **11.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights
E4
4.30 90210 **5.25** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film:** The Net (1995) **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.20** Skins: Pure – Part One
Film4
3.05 Carry On Nurse (1959) **4.45** Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **6.50** Last Holiday (2006) **9.00** The Karate Kid (2010) Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan. **11.45** Ip Man (2008)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

The Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A ballet teacher develops a twisted infatuation with one of his students and starts dating her mother to get closer to his pupil. When the woman realises what is going on, she breaks off their relationship – leading him to become even more desperate and dangerous. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga. (2006)

TUESDAY

Synecdoche, New York, BBC1, 12.30am

A neurotic playwright suffering a series of worrying physical ailments takes on a grand project – building a replica of New York in a warehouse for a play based on his own life. After his wife goes travelling, he drifts into an affair, but then finds a second lover in the actress playing his mistress in the production. Drama, with Philip Seymour Hoffman. (2008)

WEDNESDAY

Match Point, BBC1, 12am

A tennis instructor becomes engaged to the sister of a wealthy upper-class client, but is soon attracted to his girlfriend, a seductive American actress. The pair struggle to suppress their feelings but are eventually drawn into a clandestine affair – with tragic repercussions. Woody Allen's London-set thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson. (2005)



Paranormal Activity, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Carry On Up the Khyber, Channel 4, 1.25pm

British forces in colonial India find themselves in deep trouble when a maniac local ruler discovers the soldiers' fearsome reputation is thoroughly undeserved – prompting open rebellion. Comedy, starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey. (1968)

FRIDAY

Paranormal Activity, ITV, 10.35pm

A couple move into a new house, only to be disturbed by unexplained supernatural phenomena. They become convinced the building is haunted and set up a network of cameras to acquire evidence of the spirits. An attempt to directly contact the ghosts only makes matters worse. Horror, starring Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat. (2007)

Edge of Darkness, BBC1, 11.35pm

Boston homicide detective Thomas Craven witnesses his activist daughter being brutally murdered outside his home. Believing he was the intended target, Craven sets out to find her killers, but stumbles across a huge political conspiracy reaching to the highest levels of government. Thriller based on the 1985 BBC series, starring Mel Gibson, Ray Winstone, Danny Huston, Bojana Novakovic and David Aaron Baker. (2010)

Pick of the Week

David's new series hits all the right notes

David Starkey is not the kind of man you want to cross.

To say he doesn't suffer fools gladly is to put it mildly – if he doesn't agree with something you say or do, he will pull no punches in telling you about it.

His refusal to compromise has, however, made him an unlikely small-screen star. He's now one of the most respected historians around – which is why, perhaps, those who love the subject can't wait for his take on music and monarchy, his first solo series for the BBC.

"Making this series has been a delight, it has forced me to see historical problems, familiar to me as a political historian, in a quite unexpected light," says Starkey. "It has also been an anecdotal pleasure: music speaks to monarchs and elicits some surprising replies."

"I have been privileged to hear some of the finest music in the canon, sung and played by some of the best performers. It is a royal pageant in music, and, thanks to the magic of television, one we can all now take part in."

Although Starkey didn't become a prominent figure until relatively recently, he began his TV career many moons ago when a former pupil of his (he began his career as a university lecturer) invited him to appear on Behave Yourself, a programme hosted by the much-missed Russell Harty.

"It was a cross between Big Brother and Coronation Street – really TV 30 years before it happened... I had a panel of experts, and I was the historian," explains Starkey.

He says his shows are so popular because he tries "to tell the kind of history that uses many of the techniques of popular entertainment," for which he readily admits he's been criticised.

Nevertheless, it seems to strike a chord (pun entirely intended) with viewers.

Now he's mixing his favourite subject with music. The episode takes in kings who were also composers, such as Henry V and Henry VIII, and the role of the military and monarchs' religious ambitions in making British music the envy of Europe, as well as the great debt

British music still owes to Queen Elizabeth I.

Starkey also travels through time to demonstrate the extent to which the influence of past monarchs is still ingrained in British music today.

The world-famous choir at King's College, Cambridge, Eton College choir and early music ensemble Alamire showcase their talents via performances of music by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, John Dunstable and John Dowland.

But arguably the most impressive moment comes during a visit to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace; even the usually unflappable Starkey is impressed with Eton College's choristers when they sing to him from the same hand-illuminated choir-book used by their 16th-century predecessors.

As ever, Starkey is on fine form, bringing the subject matter vividly to life – he may even turn a few viewers on to the joys of Tudor-era music in the process.

But then, you would expect nothing less – he is, after all, the king of TV historians, and long may he reign



David Starkey's Music and Monarchy, Saturday, BBC2, 8.10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Botched Up Bodies, Channel 5, 9pm

There was once a time when plastic surgery and other appearance-altering procedures were only for unfortunate souls who had suffered terrible accidents, or had heaps of cash. But that's changed in recent years, and now, the number of people going under the knife for unnecessary, yet potentially life-changing, operations is on the increase. Those who opt for such a course of treatment expect to have their features altered – and on waking up from the anaesthetic, that has usually happened, but just not always in the way they expected. This new series claims that repairing botched cosmetic operations is now a business in itself – but do these secondary surgeries result in people finally getting the look they wanted?

Don't Blame Facebook, Channel 4, 10pm

In some ways, Facebook has arguably made our lives better – it's made it a lot easier to find out what someone you want to school with and haven't spoken to since is having for tea on any given day. But social networking can also land you in trouble, especially if you forget that when you press post, you're sending out your ill-advised comments and embarrassing photos to everyone on your friends list and possibly beyond. The latest instalment in this occasional series looks at some of the people who have made some humiliating mistakes on social media, whether they are trolls who have gone too far, or amateur snappers whose private photos have been offered up for public consumption.

TUESDAY

I Survived a Fatal Flight, Channel 5, 8pm

If you're just about packed and ready to head off on your jollies, this documentary might be one to record and watch upon your return when your feet are firmly back on solid ground. These are the fascinating stories of lone survivors of otherwise fatal plane crashes, as they describe what they went through in bid to survive while all around them were dead. At 87, D-Day veteran Phil Bradley is the oldest lone survivor in the world, while Juliane Koepcke's story of her flight exploding mid-air, sending her plummeting to the ground from two miles above the Peruvian rainforest, will leave the hairs on the back of your neck standing on end.

Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free, Channel 4, 8pm

Property guru Kirstie Allsopp doesn't just help people find houses – she's branching out into furnishing them as well. In her latest series, she's on a mission to show us that buying a new place doesn't automatically mean you have to take a trip to a certain well-known Swedish retailer in search of cheap wardrobes and tea lights, because if you've got the skills and know the right places to look, you could kit the place out for next to nothing. To prove her point, she's opening her own shop in Glasgow, which will be stocked with furniture that's been

sourced for free. She'll also be transforming two houses a week, beginning with Glasgow couple Harry Blackwood and Gillian Bland's pad.

WEDNESDAY

Love/Hate, Channel 5, 10pm

RTE's cult series finally comes to Channel 5, so there's a cult series for viewers on the mainland to see what all the fuss is about. It centres on Darren Tracey (Robert Sheehan), a Dubliner who left for Spain a year ago when a gun was found in his house. But now, homesick, he returns for a party to celebrate his brother's release from prison. However, when his sibling is murdered, and with the finger of suspicion pointed in every direction, Darren's thoughts turn to revenge. Meanwhile, he runs into his ex-girlfriend Rosie. Still in love with her, Darren's longing isn't made any easier when he learns that she's moved on and is now living with gang member Stephen Doyle. Game of Thrones' Aiden Gillen also stars, with Ruth Negga, Tom Vaughan-Lawlor, Ruth Bradley and Lawrence Kinlan.

8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

Dara O Briain's Science Club, BBC2, 8pm

The eponymous host returns with a second series of the show which takes a scientific subject each week and addresses it from different angles. Dara will be using exploratory films and studio discussions to get to the heart of these weighty matters, while also drawing on the expertise of specialists. Episode one looks at the human mind. In Pittsburgh, journalist Alok Jha tests whether a computer can read his thoughts, and in Texas, oceanographer Helen Czerski examines NASA's theory that the Earth's weather is being influenced by a mysterious force. Back in the studio, Dara takes control of metallurgist Mark Miodownik's brain to demonstrate how illusions and machines can be used to manipulate the mind.

FRIDAY

8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Channel 4, 9pm

When 8 Out of 10 Cats regulars Jimmy Carr, Jon Richardson and Sean Lock played long-running quiz Countdown as part of Channel 4's mash-up in 2012, some thought the idea might fall flat on its face. However, it proved to be one of Channel 4's most rewarding experiments, not least because Jon got to show off what a maths wiz he is when under pressure. "Wouldn't that make a great series?" thought many. Well, now here it is, and joining all of the above are Rhod Gilbert and Jason Manford. Adding glamour to the proceedings is Rachel Riley, who provides the letters and numbers with a little help from comedian Joe Wilkinson.

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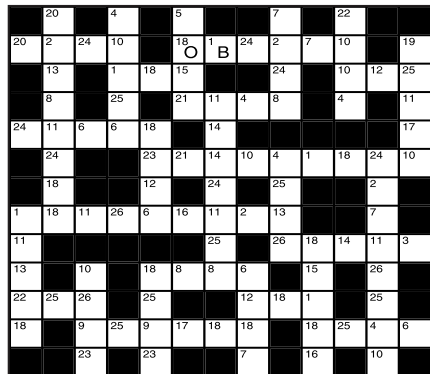
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

U K V Z P N S X Q L C F I
J A Y R O B T H G M W D E

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

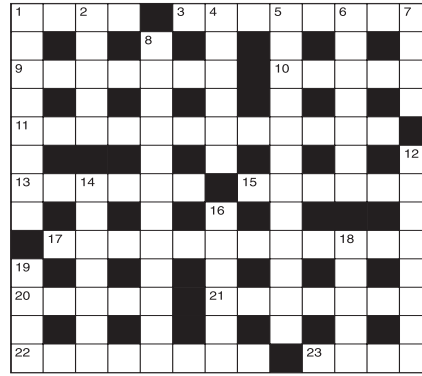
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They provide fuel records (4)
3. Observed the beaks - they're mergansers (3-5)
9. Behaved playfully - subjected to a search (7)
10. Measure a young animal by it (5)
11. Making the pitch too big - but inflicting defeat (12)
13. The area of what was once temporary accommodation (6)
15. A woodworker who becomes a member (6)
17. The affliction of one who experiences irregular beatings (5-7)
20. Stick to prohibition outside (5)
21. Opposite directions included in characteristic conveyance (7)
22. They put on other people's clothes! (8)
23. Permanent settlers have come to this (4)

Down

1. Surplus remained on top (4-4)
2. The conductor is caricatured, we hear (5)
4. They figure out the total number of poisonous creatures (6)
5. Presumably he's not in the front rank of foresters (12)
6. Noble arrangement about an Eastern country (7)
7. Position from which to take aim, one hears (4)
8. Figures are cut on them by blades a foot long (7-5)
12. Describing the cleric who is unusually spritely (8)
14. Upholder of the board (7)
16. Pressman tried to change nothing inside (6)
18. Promotes sales - item of property put back inside (5)
19. The position of one who has retired (4)



Quick Clues:

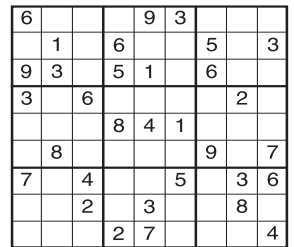
Across

1. Saucy (4)
3. Jam (8)
9. Rubbers (7)
10. Hackneyed (5)
11. Teacher (12)
13. Lottery (6)
15. Hesitate (6)
17. Impolite (12)
20. Boredom (5)
21. Wordy (7)
22. Commonplace (8)
23. Pluck (4)

Down

1. Delight (8)
2. Extend (5)
4. Recommence (6)
5. Adequate (12)
6. Apparel (7)
7. Pitcher (4)
8. Memory (12)
12. Outlook (8)
14. Simulated (7)
16. Tremble (6)
18. Smell (5)
19. Nil (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	1	2	4	8	9	6	7	5
5	7	6	1	5	3	2	4	9
9	5	4	7	2	6	8	3	1
2	6	8	5	7	4	9	1	3
5	9	3	8	6	1	4	2	7
1	4	7	3	9	2	1	6	8
7	2	9	6	3	8	1	5	4
4	8	5	9	1	7	3	6	2
6	3	1	2	4	5	7	9	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC: Across: 6 Bee-line; 7 Sheep; 9 Trunk; 10 Pension; 12 Reinforcing; 14 Authorities; 18 Against; 19 Stern; 21 Sower; 22 Shearer.
Down: 1 Bears; 2 Blonde; 3 Ant; 4 Physic; 5 Recount; 8 Deports; 11 Undress; 13 Surgeon; 15 Hailed; 16 Extras; 17 Tied; 20 Shy. QUICK - Across: 6 Decorum; 7 Sally; 9 Claim; 10 Elegant; 12 Intermingle; 14 Information; 18 Blatant; 19 Ideal; 21 Agree; 22 Capable. Down: 1 Reply; 2 Notion; 3 Buy; 4 Jargon; 5 Blankly; 8 Climate; 11 Teeming; 13 Analogy; 15 Outlet; 16 Ordeal; 17 Tally; 20 Wan.

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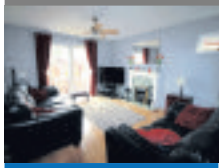
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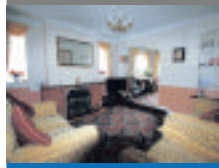
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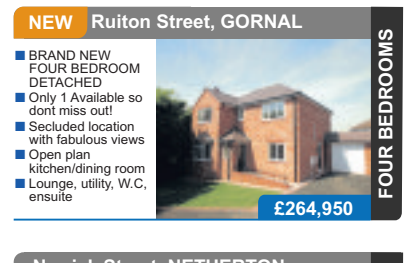
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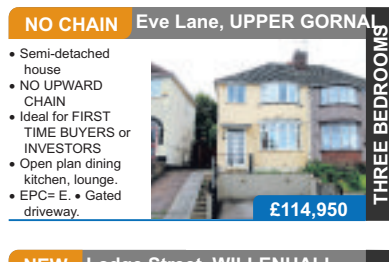
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NO UPWARD CHAIN
REDUCED
71 RICHBOROUGH DRIVE £144,500

- DUDLEY
- Modern detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Popular housing estate
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43 LADBROOK GROVE OIRO £129,950

- LOWER GORNAL
- Semi detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- In need of certain cosmetic works
- Gas central heating & double glazing
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15 NEW ROWLEY ROAD O/A £115,000

- DUDLEY
- Edwardian end terraced house
- Two bedrooms & attic room
- Deceptively spacious
- Majority gas central heating
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130 MOUNT ROAD O/A £115,000

- LANESFIELD
- Traditional semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Larger than average plot
- Large private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NEW
27 ROBERT WYND £114,950

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Well maintained & improved
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptive accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



REDUCED
3 JESSON ROAD £110,000

- WOODSETTON
- Three bedroom house
- Extended accommodation
- Kitchen with breakfast area
- Two reception rooms
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



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- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
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NO UPWARD CHAIN
532 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £99,950

- COSELEY
- End terraced house with two bedrooms
- Large breakfast kitchen, utility room
- Majority double glazing
- Part gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NEW
68 ELMDALE ROAD £99,950 CASH

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptive accommodation
- Conservatory
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING TBC



REDUCED
540A BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £89,950

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptive accommodation
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



REDUCED
113 VIEWFIELD CRES O/A £73,950

- SEDGLEY
- First floor flat
- One bedroom
- Own entrance hall
- Communal gardens
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GORNAL WOOD BRICK KILN LANE



- ★Luxury bungalow ★Detached
- ★Prime location
- ★Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Formal dining area
- ★ Fully fitted breakfast kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Private landscaped gardens
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Energy Rating D

OFFERS BASED ON £229,950

RUSSELLS HALL RUSSELLS HALL ROAD



- ★Immaculate extended semi
- ★ Porch ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Integrated appliances
- ★ Ground floor bedroom extension ★ En-suite
- ★ Two first floor bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Carport ★ Gardens
- ★ Energy Rating C

OFFERS BASED ON £132,500

GORNAL ACTON DRIVE



- ★Semi detached
- ★ Porch ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining area ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Gas c/htg
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Energy Rating D

OFFERS BASED ON £154,950

GORNAL KENNEDY CRESCENT



- ★Maisonette ★ Purpose built
- ★ First floor
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Energy Rating E

OFFERS BASED ON £77,950

GORNAL BROOK STREET



- ★Spacious end terrace
- ★ Extended ★ In need of modernisation
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining room
- ★ Extended kitchen & bathroom
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Front Garden
- ★ Rear Courtyard Garden

OFFERS BASED ON £97,500

GORNAL WOOD BRICK KILN LANE



- ★ Individual Detached
- ★ Need of updating
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining Room
- ★ Breakfast Kitchen
- ★ 3 Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Carport
- ★ Private Gardens
- ★ Energy Rating E

OFFERS BASED ON £210,000

GORNAL NEW STREET



- ★ End Terraced
- ★ Fully Refurbished
- ★ Lounge ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Formal Dining Area Off
- ★ Two Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Private Garden
- ★ Gas C/Heating ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Immaculate Throughout
- ★ Energy Rating D

OFFERS BASED ON £110,000

UPPER GORNAL EVE LANE



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge/diner
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Utility ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage
- ★ Gas c/htg
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Open rear outlook
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Energy Rating D

OFFERS BASED ON £129,950

MILKING BANK BRELADES CLOSE



- ★ Semi detached
- ★ Two storey extension
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Ground floor cloaks
- ★ Four bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £159,950

GORNAL HAWTHORNE GROVE



- ★ Maisonette
- ★ Purpose built
- ★ Ground floor hall & cloaks
- ★ First floor accommodation
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ C/htg & double glazed
- ★ Immaculate th'out

OFFERS BASED ON £79,950

GORNAL REDHALL ROAD



- ★ Bungalow
- ★ Fully refurbished
- ★ Large landscaped gardens
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining room
- ★ 2 bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas c/htg ★ Double glazed

OFFERS BASED ON £195,000

GORNAL BANK ROAD



- ★ Traditional detached
- ★ Extended ★ Porch
- ★ Hall ★ Extended lounge
- ★ Dining room ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Energy rating E
- ★ Adjacent to village centre

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£165000

DUDLEY Paganel Drive



AN EXTENDED and beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, extended second reception room, extended dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, beautiful extensive rear garden and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

£194,950

COSELEY Cherrywood Close



A three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom with wc, upstairs bathroom, conservatory, garden and parking to the rear

124950

DUDLEY Bunns Lane



An immaculately presented extended two bedroom semi detached house with hallway, large lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway to the front for two cars and gardens to the front and rear

£94,950

DUDLEY Bunns Lane



BRIERLEY HILL Kelling Close



Recently refurbished throughout this three bedroom semi detached house is located in a highly desirable area and briefly comprises of porch, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£134,950

DUDLEY Himley Road



An impressive five bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with amazing views. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar, utility room, shower room, further bathroom on first floor, driveway to the rear, garage and garden

169,950

COSELEY Ivyhouse Lane



REDUCED BY £10000 FOR A FAST SALE. A deceptively spacious traditional two bedroom "butt" style detached house with many original features. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, larger than average kitchen, sun room, downstairs wc, large bathroom, driveway and an extensive garden to the rear

£124,950 o/o

A rare opportunity to purchase this BRAND NEW three bedroom detached house with accommodation briefly comprising of lounge, dining kitchen, downstairs wc, garden to the rear, garage and driveway. Viewing is highly recommended

£175,000

TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

£127,000

TIVIDALE Hoylake Drive



Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£159,950

NETHERTON Crescent Road



A deceptively spacious three bedroom end terrace house briefly comprising of lounge, inner hallway with door to cellar, second reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three good size bedrooms and garden to the rear with two brick built sheds

£80,000 o/o

GORNAL Central Drive



A recently renovated two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear.

£99,950

PENSNETT Chapel Street



A three bedroom semi detached house which is well presented throughout with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway to the front and gardens to the front and rear

£89,999

TIVIDALE Tower Road



Set in a corner position this three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprises of porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, utility room, garage and driveway to the front and gardens to the front, side and rear

£125000 o/o

NETHERTON Bell Road



An end terraced house which is in need of some modernisation with lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, cellar, two double bedrooms and an enclosed garden to the rear

£74,950

TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£110,000 o/o

BRIERLEY HILL High Street



One bed first floor flat, communal entrance, lounge, fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, newly carpeted. DSS considered with guarantor. Downstairs bathroom/WC. Part furnished, available now for long term.

£350 PCM

TIVIDALE Alexandra Way



A one bed, second floor, self contained flat, newly refurbished, with newly fitted kitchen/diner/lounge, bedroom and bathroom. Allocated parking, good transport links, shops nearby. Unfurnished. Dss ok with guarantor.

£375 PCM

DUDLEY Bean Road



A ground floor, one bed flat with double glazing and electric panel heaters. Having a lounge, bedroom, fitted kitchen with appliances, shower/WC. Part furnished, available now for long term.

£380 PCM

TIPTON Anita Avenue



A modern, one bed ground floor flat, having laminate flooring throughout, comprising lounge, fitted dining kitchen, double bedroom, electric storage heating. Allocated parking space, unfurnished, available now, no DSS.

£395 PCM

DUDLEY Junction Street



A mid terraced house, a good-sized lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC and house bathroom/WC upstairs with shower over the bath, two double bedrooms, unfurnished. Available now. Dss considered with guarantor

£450 PCM

DUDLEY Perry Close



A two bed mid terraced house with central heating and double glazing, lounge, fitted kitchen, house bathroom and a double and single bedroom upstairs. No DSS. Unfurnished, available now to view

£465 PCM

NETHERTON Park Road



A two bed mid terraced house lounge with dining kitchen off - integral cooker, washing machine and fridge. Downstairs bathroom/WC and en-suite WC to main bedroom. Small garden to rear. DSS considered. Part or unfurnished, available now or long term.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY Cedar Road



A Three bedroom end terrace house with double glazing and central heating, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs shower room. Upstairs bathroom and downstairs toilet. Driveway and garden to the rear. No DSS or pets.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY Heath Green



A two bedroom mid terrace house. Has lounge, fitted kitchen, Downstairs wc. Rear enclosed garden. Driveway to the front. Unfurnished and available now. Dss ok with guarantor.

£500

DUDLEY Attingham Drive



Modern ground floor two bed apartment, fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, two double bedrooms separate house bathroom/WC. Allocated parking and communal gardens. Unfurnished, available now.

£500 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON Greenock Crescent



A modern, ground floor two bedroom apt, open plan lounge/diner and fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms (master with en-suite shower/WC), house bathroom, secure entry system, allocated secure parking. Part furnished. No dss.

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Lomond Road



A three bed mid terraced property having a fitted kitchen/diner, lounge and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Garden to rear with rear access, off road parking (not allocated). Unfurnished, available now. No DSS, no pets.

£550 PCM

WEDNESBURY Clarkson Road



A three bed first floor apartment with large lounge/dining kitchen, Central Heating, Double Glazing, three good sized bedrooms, one bathroom/WC, one shower/WC, utility room. Suitable for sharers. Parking to Rear

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Ripley Grove



A modern two bedroom mid terrace house, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob and fridge freezer. Bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and bathroom with shower. Enclosed patio and garden. Downstairs toilet. Unfurnished. No Dss.

£595 PCM

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**ETTMORE ROAD
SEDGLEY**

- Detached family residence with extremely spacious accommodation
- Four bedrooms • Sitting room plus 19ft living room • Modern fitted kitchen
- Central heating • Double glazing • Off road parking • Private rear garden
- Conveniently close to Sedgley centre • NO CHAIN Energy Rating: D

£229,950

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**WARD STREET
COSELEY**

- An impressive detached bungalow • Versatile accommodation
- Extremely spacious throughout • Four bedrooms • 22ft Living Room
- Fitted kitchen • Family bathroom plus shower room • Central heating
- Double glazing • Ample off road parking Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £215,000

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**KENT STREET
UPPER GORNAL**

- Traditional semi-detached residence with impressive accommodation
- Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Spacious kitchen
- Modernised shower room • Detached garage to rear • Parking
- Pleasant rear garden • Substantial family home Energy Rating: F

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NEW

**BARNES MEADOW PLACE
COSELEY**

- Link detached family home with extended accommodation
- Impressive property throughout • Three bedrooms • Two bathrooms
- 25ft Living room plus conservatory • 29ft Dining kitchen • Downstairs WC
- Side and rear gardens • Parking plus garage Energy Rating: TBC

£195,000

NEW

**STICKLEY LANE
LOWER GORNAL**

- A good size and terraced property • Well maintained
- Two bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Two bathrooms
- Fitted kitchen • Central heating • Double glazing (where spec)
- Off road parking • NO UPWARD CHAIN Energy Rating: TBC

£99,950

NEW

**ELWELL CRESCENT
WOODSETTON**

- Semi-detached property with three bedrooms • NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Requires refurbishment • Lounge, dining kitchen, downstairs WC
- Central heating (combis) • Off road parking Energy Rating: TBC

£75,000

NEW

**ETTMORE CLOSE
SEDGLEY**

- Two bedroom maisonette property • Spacious and well maintained
- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom • Heating • uPVC double glazing
- Quiet location • Walking distance to Sedgley centre Energy Rating: TBC

£73,950

NEW

**BOURNE HOUSE, BOURNE STREET
COSELEY**

- A modern purpose built flat • Well maintained home • One bedroom
- Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, shower room • Secure parking
- Central heating • uPVC Double glazing Energy Rating: TBC

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NEW

**KINGSFORD LANE
KIDDERMINSTER**

- Detached chalet park home • Pleasant home with NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom • Private parking
- Central heating • Double glazing • Age restriction of 50+

£49,950

REDUCED

**HOMESTEAD CLOSE
UPPER GORNAL**

- Spacious semi-detached property • Quiet location • Two double bedrooms
- 16ft Living room • Dining kitchen • Stylish bathroom • Central heating
- Double glazing • Allocated parking • Private rear garden
- MUST BE SEEN • Ideal first time buy • Energy Rating: C

Reduced to £114,500

REDUCED

**THE ALLEY
LOWER GORNAL**

- A delightful detached cottage • Refurbished to a good standard
- PANORAMIC POSITION • VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Two bedrooms • Living room with cast iron fuel burner
- Fitted kitchen • Downstairs Cloaks • Ample off road parking
- Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £215,000

REDUCED

**BRICK KILN LANE
GORNAL WOOD**

- Spacious detached family residence in popular location • Three double bedrooms
- Spacious dining kitchen • Useful downstairs WC off spacious entrance hall
- Modern shower room • 22ft Integral garage • No upward chain
- Energy Rating: E

Reduced to £230,000

REDUCED

**PLEASANT VIEW
LOWER GORNAL**

- Surprisingly spacious semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area • Fitted kitchen • Upstairs bathroom
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified) • Quiet position
- Private rear garden Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £102,500

REDUCED

**SPRINGFIELD GROVE
SEDGLEY**

- EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED First floor flat • Lounge, bedroom
- Stylish kitchen • Bathroom • Central heating, Double glazing
- MUST BE VIEWED • Walking distance to Sedgley Energy Rating: C

Reduced to £64,950

REDUCED

**HILL STREET
UPPER GORNAL**

- Well presented ground floor flat • Bedroom, lounge, kitchen
- Bathroom • Central heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Viewing recommended • Ideal first time buy Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £73,950

REDUCED

**CAMBERLEY CRESCENT
ETTINGSHALL PARK**

- A substantial three bedroom semi-detached family home
- Extremely desirable location • Spacious 25ft lounge door
- Central heating and double glazing • 30ft Garage • Private rear garden
- Off road parking • NO UPWARD CHAIN Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £144,950

REDUCED

**DONNINGTON COURT
LOWER GORNAL**

- Spacious ground floor apartment • Well presented modern home
- Central heating, double glazing • Ideal first time buy • Popular location
- Spacious accommodation • No upward chain Energy Rating: B

Reduced to £84,950

REDUCED

**MILTON CRESCENT
THE STRAITS, SEDGLEY**

- A pleasant detached bungalow in popular location • Spacious home
- Two bedrooms plus loft conversion • Lounge, dining kitchen
- Central heating • Double glazing • Off road parking • Garage
- Private and enclosed rear garden Energy Rating: TBC

£199,950

REDUCED

**CLARENCE STREET
UPPER GORNAL**

- Semi-detached home in convenient position • Three bedrooms
- Improved accommodation that must be seen to be appreciated
- 24ft Living room • Kitchen plus laundry with WC off
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified) • Quiet position
- Private rear garden Energy Rating: TBC

£137,500

REDUCED

**OLD PARK ROAD
DUDLEY**

- Semi-detached with three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus veranda • Heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Conveniently positioned • Requiring some modernisation works
- Energy Rating: C

£114,950

REDUCED

**VALLEY ROAD
UPPER GORNAL**

- Semi-detached home • Three bedrooms • Lounge
- Dining kitchen • Downstairs cloak • Central heating
- Double glazing • Off road parking • Popular location Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £99,995

PEBWORTH GROVE

- Refurbished modern style semi-detached home • Two bedrooms
- A very well presented property

£109,950

ASKEW CLOSE

- An extreme view property, not to be missed!
- Three bedrooms
- 16ft Living room • 30ft Dining kitchen • 30ft Kitchen

£123,500

DUNCROFT WALK

- An extreme view property, not to be missed!
- Off ROAD PARKING
- Conveniently located

£139,950

LAUREL ROAD

- Spacious semi-detached • Three bedrooms • Lounge plus dining area
- Double glazed conservatory • Downstairs WC

Reduced to £103,950

PORKERRY GROVE

- Spacious semi-detached family home
- Extensive rear garden

£150,000

BLEWITT STREET

- Three bedrooms
- Spacious accommodation

£97,500

KENT STREET

- Ideal investment or first time buy • Two bedroom end-terrace
- Lounge, kitchen, utility area, cellar • Bathroom with

Reduced to £79,950

MULBERRY GREEN

- Semi-detached family home with two bedrooms
- 18ft Living room
- Double glazed conservatory • Off road parking

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ARCAL STREET

- Spacious semi-detached home with two bedrooms
- Reception room
- Ground floor WC

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£344,950**KINGSWINFORD****Brenwood Close**

A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a highly desirable cul-de-sac, close to countryside, offering BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, all VERY WELL PROPORTIONED, comprising: reception hall, large lounge, dining room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, luxury refitted kitchen with appliances, separate utility/laundry room, ground floor guests cloakroom/w.c., FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, master with en suite shower room, refitted house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and CAVITY WALL INSULATION. The property is enhanced further by the ALMOST FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a beautifully laid out secluded and sunny rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£279,950**DUDLEY****Priory Road**

A substantially extended, double glazed & gas centrally heated, five bedroom semi detached home providing truly versatile family living space situated in an established residential location. The enlarged accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, spacious lounge, sitting room, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, ground floor shower room, FIVE good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £165,000**WALL HEATH****Cross Street**

A GOOD SIZED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE within a good location, close to village centre and schools, offering a GENEROUS and WELL MAINTAINED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (with fitted wardrobes) and Shower Room. DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE with Utility Area and WC off, and a DELIGHTFUL AND BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN with TWO GARDEN STORES. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950**DUDLEY****Donnington Court, 'Capitol Heights'**

An attractive, exceptionally stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate townhouse presented in exemplary order throughout with magnificent views and covered by balance of NHBC guarantee. Stunning flexible accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, study (occasional bedroom 47), dining kitchen with a 'high fashion range' of gloss rear units with various integrated appliances & double French doors out to the garden. To the first floor is the lounge, bedroom & bathroom & to the second floor two further bedrooms (one en suite). Block paved parking, neat rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,500**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

Conveniently situated for the village (just off Central Drive), an exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2008 having been tremendously improved by present vendor & presented in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted/half tiled cloakroom (with white suite), further store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, extensive parking to front & landscaped secluded rear garden designed to ensure 'low maintenance'. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Vicarage Road**

A stylish, appreciably larger than average, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character with many period features that has been sympathetically modernised & improved in recent years. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall (loft ceiling heights), store, elegant sitting room with bay, dining room, refitted/enlarged breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with white suite, ample parking, garage, garden, further potential. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000**KINGSWINFORD**

An ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is enhanced by a DELIGHTFUL REAR CONSERVATORY, together with a GOOD SIZED AND PLEASANTLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation which is WELL PRESENTED throughout and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, attractive well proportioned Lounge, attractively refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, Conservatory extension, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted classic white Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the lawned fore garden, together with GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles. EPC Rating - E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £143,950 - No Upward Chain**Highfield Shut End****LOWER GORNAL****Tennyson Road, Straits**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL ! An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated semi detached requiring comprehensive modernisation set in well regarded convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, dining room, enlarged living room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000**DUDLEY WOOD****Quarry Road**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom End Townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£122,950**COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

A particularly spacious, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed (part uPVC) end townhouse with further potential conveniently situated within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes & many other amenities. Accommodation provides porch, hallway, lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen, separate toilet. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy 25ft double garage, LARGE GARDEN with further potential & block paved walled foregarden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**PENSNETT****Chelmar Drive**

This double glazed, part centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. The property, which would now ideally benefit from cosmetic upgrading/improvement, briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, shower room, lawned gardens, and garage to rear. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£114,950**COSELEY****Corfe Road, Hurst Hill**

An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential envisaged situated at head of cul-de-sac backing on to paddock with DISTANT VIEWS to the rear. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, enlarged 18'5" living room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Verandah with store & small "garage" (effectively a further store). Gardens. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950**Wordsley****Kirkpatrick Drive**

A LARGE CONTEMPORARY STYLE FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT within this highly sought after development, with an open outlook over lawned gardens, offering CONTEMPORARY STYLE and GENEROUS accommodation, all SUPERBLY APPOINTED, comprising: Security entrance to main lobby, Reception Hall with excellent storage off, large Lounge with French doors and Juliet balcony, through luxury fitted kitchen with appliances, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, the Master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM, main Bathroom, HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With ALLOCATED PARKING plus VISITOR PARKING and surrounded by BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS/GROUNDS. EPC Rating: C KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£108,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Cooper Avenue**

This immaculately presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom Semi Detached home has been considerably improved by the current owners, and is well worthy of internal inspection. The property may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, splendid Conservatory addition, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, and a lovely Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£93,750**COSELEY****Harding Street**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, semi detached occupying a fine corner plot in established neighbourhood. The house has been modernised & improved over the years although some further works would be beneficial, and the accommodation includes: entrance hallway, dining room, 16'2" through lounge, rear lobby, store, walk-in pantry, kitchen. Three bedrooms, and a box room, bathroom, GARAGE, gated parking. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950**LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

An imposing, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED & exceptionally SPACIOUS, gas centrally & primarily uPVC double glazed detached family residence in favoured, particularly convenient neighbourhood. Elegant accommodation includes entrance porch, impressive reception hall, cloaks, fitted cloakroom, sitting room, study, refitted through dining kitchen (previous separate rooms), utility room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, central landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal room with bathroom en suite), house bathroom, garage & a garden room, delightful secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £297,500

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An attractive, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated detached family home enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac upon well regarded 'Poplars' development comprising traditional reception hall, spacious 18ft lounge, dining room with patio doors, breakfast kitchen, large utility/laundry room; four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom; original double garage sub-divided to create 'disabled suite' with a day/bedroom and wet room en suite, secluded gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

SEDGLEY**Caswell Road**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, EXTENDED, detached residence in exemplary order throughout in favoured district with panoramic distant views from the front. Superb, stylish accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant L-shape 19ft through lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, separate dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of oak units & various integrated appliances. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, large garage, block paved double driveway, secluded landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

DUDLEY**Lightwood Road**

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached constructed for present vendors' own occupation & comprising imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, storage cupboards, dining room with bay, 17'10" lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire & patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with fitted units & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved foregarden & 13ft width side area with potential, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £207,950

WORDSLEY**£5,000 REDUCTION****Dowells Gardens**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & VERY DECEPTIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME located within a sought after cul-de-sac, close to excellent schooling, providing a LARGE LAYOUT of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Extended Hall with Guests Cloaks/WC off, huge full width 20' Lounge, full width Conservatory/Garden Room, extended Breakfast Kitchen, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS and BATHROOM. LARGE DRIVEWAY approach, GARAGE and a sunny landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating F. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£199,950

SEDGLEY**Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

GORNAL WOOD**Woodland Grove**

Enviably situated in short cul-de-sac just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation provides; reception hall, lounge, transverse 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a "garden room". Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy block paved driveway, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

COSELEY**Seagull Bay Drive**

This beautifully presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom detached family home is situated on this now established development and well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, guest w.c., three good bedrooms with en suite to master, family bathroom, garage, concrete print driveway & a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,950

UPPER GORNAL/SEDGLEY**Dudley Road**

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Providing significant potential, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, fitted cloakroom & further cloaks cupboard, superb 25'7" through living/dining room (with possibilities of sub-division?) kitchen, pantry, lobby, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, level gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000

SEDGLEY**Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

DUDLEY**VIEW****The Beck**

This beautifully presented, modern three storey end townhouse offers family sized versatile accommodation over three floors. The gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: reception hall, utility, guest wc, open plan fitted kitchen/lounge, three bedrooms, en-suite, house bathroom, garden to rear. Simply must be viewed. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£164,950

SEDGLEY**South View Road, Northway**

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine - style' decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,995

KINGSWINFORD**£10,000 REDUCTION****Arlington Close**

Enjoying a superb setting at the head of this exclusive close off Stream Road, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW SPACIOUS AND VERSATILE, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a superb layout to include: Hall, SPLENDID LOUNGE with feature fireplace and DINING AREA off with patio windows, separate Breakfast/etc. Room, EXTENDED KITCHEN, refitted and with split-level cooker, GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM FOUR/STUDY/etc., THREE EXCELLENT FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS (two fitted), classic white Bathroom plus DOUBLE GLAZING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn with DOUBLE-WIDTH DRIVE/PARKING and pleasant sunny, yet secluded, rear garden. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in Excess of £159,950

PENSNETT**No Upward Chain****Fernhurst Drive**

An IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, well placed within this sought after development, offering EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, huge full-width Lounge-with-Dining Area, Conservatory, uPVC double glazed Kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with luxury en-suite shower room), beautifully appointed Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Additionally there is ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES and BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS/GROUNDS including a delightful lake. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950

COSELEY**The Paddock**

SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached enviably situated, opposite cricket ground within reasonable distance of rail/bus transport routes, etc. Much enhanced accommodation includes large entrance vestibule, reception hall, fitted cloaks/shower room, dining room, transverse 16'9" lounge, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, 23'2" garage, block paved driveway, secluded rear garden with substantial brick store. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950

SEDGLEY**Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character enviably situated within reasonable/level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

TIPTON**NEW PRICE****Benbeck Grove (Off Sedgley Road)**

A realistically priced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with potential requiring some sympathetic updating set in short/quiet cul-de-sac just off Sedgley Road. The accommodation provides; entrance hallway, through living room (with patio doors), dining room, kitchen, store, garden room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, and additional 7'3" width access to the garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £154,950, NOW £149,950

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE****St. James Road**

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effects units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £154,950, NOW £149,995

BOBBINGTON**£5,000 REDUCTION****Leaton Hall**

Enjoying a delightful rural setting, surrounded by beautiful open countryside upon the outskirts of Bobbington Village, this BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT forms part of this substantial and imposing converted Grade II listed Hall, including a communal gym and billiards room, the accommodation comprising: Large Hall, large Lounge with Dining Area, attractively fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with luxury en-suite shower room), beautifully appointed Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Additionally there is ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES and BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS/GROUNDS including a delightful lake. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

WORDSLEY**£6000 REDUCTION****Belle Vue**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is well placed in a sought after address, close to schools, park and shops, offering SPACIOUS, WELL APPOINTED and RE DECORATED accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Porch, Through Reception Hall, Lounge with bay, Separate Dining Room, LARGE BREAKFAST KITCHEN with appliances, Ground Floor Shower room, 3 BEDROOMS and bathroom. Gently elevated beyond the GENEROUS DRIVEWAY, with GARAGE and a sunny rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£146,450

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01384 395555**6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Tennyson Road, Straits

A conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities/country park etc. Accommodation includes: reception hall (with original oak strip floor), lounge with living flame gas fire, dining room, refitted kitchen with "maple" effect units. Three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, separate w.c. Lengthy DOUBLE 23' GARAGE. Delightful well tended/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £155,000, NOW £153,000

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, two good bedrooms, wet room, block paved driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

WORDSLEY**£2,550 REDUCTION**

Bracken Park Gardens

Pleasantly situated within this very popular canal side development, just off Brierley Hill Road, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a generous corner position and offers a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT accommodation including DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, very spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond lawns to the fore, together with DRIVEWAY with access to a LARGE TIMBER SHED and, to the rear, enjoying a patio / lawned garden which enjoys a PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£136,950

DUDLEY

Aintree Way, Milking Bank

A most attractive, extremely stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed McLean built semi detached set upon larger than average plot with panoramic distant views from the rear in favoured neighbourhood. The accommodation includes: hall, lounge, refitted transverse breakfast kitchen (with double glazed French doors), pantry, two bedrooms (both with built in wardrobes), bathroom with shower, extensive parking, large south facing rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,950

COSELEY**NEW PRICE**

Cherrywood Close

An attractive, double glazed & gas centrally heated, modern style detached family home constructed by Morris Homes and conveniently situated for local amenities/transport links. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, two allocated spaces & a neat rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £129,950, NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £124,995

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

An attractive, considerably improved double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC) & gas centrally heated semi detached situated in an established location & well worthy of internal inspection. The well maintained property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden with large timber outbuilding. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

LOWER GORNAL**New development at Ellowes Road**

SHOW HOME OPEN ON SATURDAY 20TH JULY FROM 10.00 AM UNTIL 12.00 PM

A development of 5 - stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed "starter homes" (covered by architect's certificate) nearing completion in popular established neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Finished to a fine specification, the accommodation provides: traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom with a white suite, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven, hob, extractor, fridge/freezer, lounge. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & shower, ample parking to front & turfed/fenced rear garden. EPC Rating B. Further details, plans, etc. with Agents Sedgley Office (01902 880888)

Offers in the region of £120,000 PER PLOT to include carpets

UPPER GORNAL

Rubens Close

An attractive, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED end 'starter home' occupying a fine corner plot with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the front in well regarded district. Offering potential, the accommodation provides lounge, breakfast kitchen, principal bedroom with wardrobes, second bedroom, bathroom, boarded roof space, block paved foregarden & side DRIVEWAY (8'3" width), 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

NETHERTON**NO UPWARD CHAIN**

Chichester Avenue

An attractively improved three bedroomed home with double width drive, gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection having pleasant rear aspect comprising: Vestibule area, attractively fitted good size kitchen with integral oven, hob, fridge and freezer, arch to dining room area, lovely rear lounge with feature fireplace, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, rear garden with garden play house. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£109,995

SEDGLEY**NEW PRICE**

Claremont Road

A gas centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of character with various original period features (fireplaces, doors, etc.) excellent situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring & open fields. Accommodation includes dining room with bay, lobby, sitting, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, two double bedrooms. Delightful sheltered rear garden & substantial concrete panel WORKROOM/STORE (light & power & rear pedestrian access). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £109,950, NOW £105,000

LOWER GORNAL

Boundary Hill

This traditional style, gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be an ideal first time purchase. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., through lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom & rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

QUARRY BANK**IDEAL FIRST BUY**

Birch Coppice

This really quite charming, Victorian style, Double Glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), two Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage is beautifully presented throughout, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Shower Room and low maintenance Rear Courtyard. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,950

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Nanaimo Way

A TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within this popular address AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN and offering a SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED layout of SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, full width lounge, separate dining room, 21' side hall, kitchen with built in appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, BRAND NEW BATHROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back beyond the low maintenance frontage including SHARED SIDE TARMAC DRIVEWAY leading to GARAGE and to the rear offering a DELIGHTFUL LEVEL ENCLOSED GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£99,950

ROWLEY REGIS

Royal Oak Road

!! NO UPWARD CHAIN !! Three bedroomed semi detached home having majority gas radiator heating and double glazing, comprises: Double glazed porch, hall, front living room, kitchen, separate dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, detached outbuildings, front and rear gardens. EPC RATING D. HALESOWEN OFFICE

Offers Around £97,500

COSELEY**NEW PRICE**

Ettingshall Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home which is 'tucked away' just off Ettingshall Road, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Front & rear gardens. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £84,950, NOW £79,950

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE**

Attingham Drive, Sovereign Heights

50% SHARE. A stylish, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed First Floor apartment upon now well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. The accommodation includes: "entry phone" access to communal entrance areas. No 68 comprises: central reception hall, "open plan" living room/kitchen with a fine range of fashionable units, and various integrated appliances together with a balcony. TWO BEDROOMS. (principal bedroom with balcony and built-in wardrobes), part tiled bathroom with a white suite. Communal gardens & parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £44,950, NOW £42,950 for vendors 50% share

STOURBRIDGE

Bromwich Lane

PUBLIC NOTICE. Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £495,000 for 44 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY9 0QZ. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors Estate Agents, 85 High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 1ED 01384 395555 prior to exchange of contracts.

LOWER GORNAL

12, St Andrews Close

We are acting in the sale of 12, St. Andrews Close, Lower Gornal, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 3AD and have received an offer of £116,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to Taylors Estate Agents, 2a Dudley Street, Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 1SB (Tel. 01902 880888) before an exchange of contracts takes place.



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•EPC D•A Considerably Improved & Extended Detached Three Bedrooms•En-Suite Bathroom To Bedroom One•Dining Room•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway For Many Vehicles•Enclosed Rear Garden

£199,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE**DARBYS HILL ROAD**

•EPC Rating C•An Extended & Well Presented Detached Property•Four Bedrooms•Extended Kitchen/Dining Room•Rear Lounge Overlooking Rear Garden•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Utility Room•Drive

£199,950

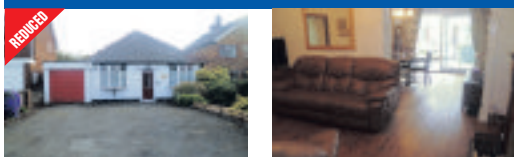
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BRIERLEY HILL**BOWER LANE**

•EPC Rating E•Three Bedroom Extended Detached•En-Suite To Bedroom One•Two Reception Rooms•Conservatory•Kitchen Having Integrated Oven & Hob•Utility Room•Bathroom•Extensive Rear Garden•Driveway

£185,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

GORNAL WOOD**HIMLEY ROAD**

•EPC D•A Deceptive Extended Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow•En-Suite Bathroom To Main Bedroom•Lounge & Extended Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Attic Room•Garage•Utility Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive

£185,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL**DEEPPDALE LANE**

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Basement Level Having Bathroom & Bedroom 4/Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Elevated Views To Rear•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway•No Chain

£146,250

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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BRIERLEY HILL**WOODS LANE**

•Three Bedroom Detached Two Reception Rooms Extended Kitchen Bathroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway

£150,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON**HIGHFIELD ROAD**

•EPC Rating Awaited•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No Chain

£60,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BILSTON**WALLACE ROAD**

•EPC Rating Awaited•An Improved & Extended Semi Detached Three Bedrooms•Lounge/Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Extended Utility Room & Ground Floor Wet Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Enclosed Rear Garden•Block Paved Drive

£104,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON**LINDLEY AVENUE**

•Improved Three Bedrooms Semi Detached•Extended Kitchen•Fitted Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazed Where Stated•Cul-De-Sac Location•Enclosed Rear Garden•No Upward Chain•Ideal For First Time Buyers

£104,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY**ELM ROAD**

•EPC Rating D•End Terraced Residence•Attic Bedroom & Two Further Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No Chain

£69,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY**TERRY STREET**

•EPC Rating Awaited•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

£64,950

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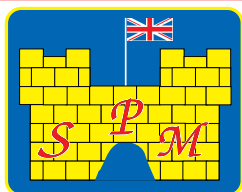
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At a glance

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By John Griffiths

RENAULT is out to 'Captur' a growing section of the new car market with a first venture into the world of the trendy 'crossover'.

Based on the new Clio platform and mechanical bits, the accent is very much on style with a range of themed colour schemes and trims, and an almost unparalleled opportunity to personalise the car with a range of factory fit options and accessories.

It has the look of an SUV but, as with major rivals such as Nissan's Juke, is front wheel drive only. It's a type of vehicle - cheaper to buy and run than a comparable 4x4 - that's so popular that even traditional 4x4 manufacturers now offer the format, usually as an entry model.

The new Captur fulfils its 'crossover' designation by including elements of SUVs, hatchbacks and MPVs, at prices from £12,495. Backing it on the new Clio is a good place for Renault to start: the interior, the dash and instrument array are very familiar from the stylish hatchback. But the Captur is longer, with a longer wheelbase, and has a wider track for added stability as the SUV styling endows it with useful higher ground clearance and seating position. Inside there are slipfold rear seats which also slide backwards and forwards for extra flexibility between legroom for passengers and cargo.

Cavernous

So with five on board, boot space varies from a generous 377 to 455 litres, while with the rear seats folded it's a cavernous 1,235 litres. Other handy features include a reversible boot floor (easy to wipe off plastic on one side) and all the seats have removable covers so they're easier to keep clean if your cargo includes kids and dogs.

The test car was powered by an upgraded version of Renault's well-proven dCi 90, as the name suggests a 90bhp turbo diesel capable of averaging 76.4mpg - and over 83mpg on a run, according official figures. That means a CO2 emissions rating of 95g/km so you won't pay road tax. Its 0 to 62mph time is just over 12 seconds, but being a turbo diesel means healthy amounts of torque at low engine speeds for relaxed driving and adequate in-gear acceleration.

The entry level model uses another power plant from the Clio, Renault's three cylinder, 880cc petrol engine. Thanks to turbo charging it also produces 90bhp - about the same as a normally 1.4 litre engine but with more torque at lower revs. Remarkably it almost exactly matches its diesel stablemate in performance terms, while average fuel consumption is 56.5mpg with CO2 emissions of 115g/km.

The performer of the pack reserved for range-topping Captur models is a four cylinder version of the same engine which made its debut in the Clio GT-Line. With 120bhp on tap, it does the 0 to 62mph dash in a lively 10.5 seconds while still managing a 52.3mpg average.

Eye-catching

It's also mated to Renault's new dual-clutch, six speed automatic, which is both more responsive and more economical than previous generation auto boxes.

All versions have an 'Eco' button and most have an automatic stop/start system to help conserve that precious fuel. The Captur's higher seat height makes access easier than many small hatchbacks, as well as giving the driver a commanding view of the road.

The stiffer suspension needed for a higher vehicle means the ride is a little harder than the Clio, but the wider track and longer wheelbase do restore the smaller car's stability so it feels light, agile and confidence inspiring on the road.

Resistance to roll has been mechanically beefed up to take account of the Captur's ride height, which means a more comfortable time for passengers. The car comes in four trim levels, with prices from £12,495.

The test car was the top spec Dynamique MediaNav, which costs £16,395 (the 120bhp auto in the same trim is the flagship of the range) which comes with an upgraded audio system with hands-free phone function and touch-screen satnav.

The Captur is modern and aerodynamic but doesn't have the same avant-garde looks as its big rival the Nissan Juke. But Renault have ensured it will be just as eye-catching with customised features like two-tone paintwork, such as a contrasting roof and decals.

At the same time all versions are economical to run, more practical than a standard hatchback and well-equipped for the price. It's a formula likely to attract friends among the young and young at heart.



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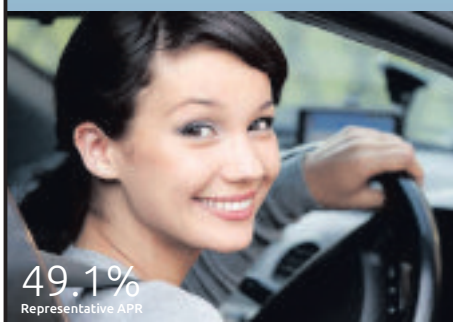
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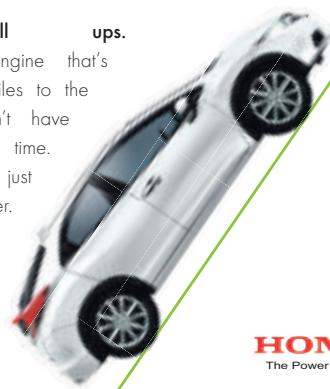
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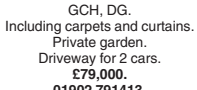
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New-boy Brookes hits form on debut

Tales from The Bratch

BEACON enjoyed a perfect weekend in the latest round of Staffs Clubs clashes.

With the first XI inactive, the second, third and fourth teams all eased to victories. Debutant Michael Brookes shone for the seconds as they beat Bloxwich by seven wickets.

After restricting Bloxwich to 172-6, Brookes struck an unbeaten 72 and Craig Jones 60 as Beacon cruised to victory.

Half-centuries from Steve Allsop and Matt Cartwright saw the third XI overhaul Rushall's 202-5 for the loss of four wickets.

Dan Green had earlier claimed 4-53 with the ball for Beacon.

Stuart Knipe and Andrew Harvey combined to fire the fourth team to a 10-wicket win at Penkridge.

Knipe took 4-16 and Harvey 3-9 as the hosts were rolled over for 85.

Craig Cartwright hit an unbeaten 49 to see Beacon home.

South African James Baikoff stroked 114 not out as Beacon beat Swindon by four wickets in the Worcestershire Sunday League.

Baikoff's ton saw Beacon to 233-4 in reply to Swindon's 230-3. Ollie Green chipped in with 41.

Impressive showing from Burke

KEVIN BURKE led home the Stourbridge Running Club contingent in the summer series event in Droitwich.

This race incorporated the Worcestershire 10k championships with 20 Stourbridge members taking part in a field of 187.

Burke clocked a time of 38:42 for 27th place overall and third in his age category, M50.

Next home was Rob Colman (36th) 39:55 and third was Christopher Blake (38th) 40:05.

Joan Clarke was first in her F50 category and Natalie Dellar was third in the F35 category. The 4th and final race in the series will be held at on August 7 at Clent Hills, off Hagley Wood Lane near Halesowen.

Corin jumps for joy over medal success



Trampoline artist Corin Clark

A DUDLEY trampolinist is jumping for joy after a double medal-winning performance at the British Championships.

Corin Clark, aged 13, is a member of the Great Britain team and picked up gold and silver medals at the NEC, Birmingham recently.

Clark edged out Ella-Mae Bolton in the Under-15 girls individual event by half a mark to take second spot on the podium, and then teamed-up with Great Britain stable-mate Isabel Leigh-Warren to strike gold in the synchronized competition by nearly two marks.

Clark travels to Northampton five

Gymnastics

days a week after school to train at the world-renowned Northants Trampoline Academy.

Clark's coach, Harvey Smith, was delighted for the youngster.

"The commitment that Corin shows to training is fantastic," said Smith.

"She puts in a lot of hours just travelling to training and in that sense has fantastic support from her parents who bring her five times a week.

"She joined us earlier this year and

has impressed everyone with her hard work and her results show hard work pays off.

"She is a talented girl and if she continues to keep working hard she has a very bright future ahead of her," added Smith.

Clark's team-mate and former world No.7 James Higgins led the way for the club as he regained the men's British Trampoline national title with a vintage performance at the NEC, Birmingham.

Higgins piped 2011 champion Luke Strong to the gong to ensure he is now a five-time champion of his home nation.



Isabel Leigh-Warren and Corin with their golds

McAuley is hungry for success in new season

ALBION defender Gareth McAuley is aiming to raise the bar as he embarks on his third season as a Premier League player.

The Baggies' reigning player of the year has proved a huge hit since arriving at The Hawthorns on a free transfer from Ipswich, but is targeting further improvement.

McAuley's impressive displays at the heart of the Albion defence earned him a new deal and has resulted in the 33-year-old Northern Ireland international setting new targets for the forthcoming campaign. "The contract doesn't change anything for me," said McAuley.

"I'm putting pressure on myself now to go and have a better season than I've had in the last year and I certainly won't be taking my foot off the pedal.

"I am hungry from a personal point of view to be better and also for the team to be better and for the club to have a better season and move on.

"I've got bits and pieces in the back of my mind in terms of targets but I won't put them out there in case I don't hit them.

"I've raised the bar on myself and I expect myself to do well in pre-season and hopefully get a place in the team and do the business for the boys and the club again."

McAuley is taking nothing for granted in the battle for a first-team shirt and is braced for a threat to his place from England Under-21 defender Craig Dawson.

"He has had experience in the Premier League over the last couple of seasons," said McAuley.

"He is getting more to the stage where he's ready to

by Steve Madeley

play and he'll be fighting hard for a break.

"He will certainly be a threat and so will Gabi Tamas.

"I know Craig is very frustrated that he didn't make the breakthrough last year into the team and he will want to try to do that this year."

An eighth-place finish left the Baggies as 'best of the rest' behind the Premier League's established powerhouse clubs, leaving fans to ponder how their heroes can manage further improvement.

But McAuley insists Steve Clarke's men will set their sights higher, and he has already identified an area where he and his team-mates can get better.

"When you look back and analyse it we had that period over Christmas where we didn't pick up many points and there were a lot of defeats," he said.

"We need to get the squad and dig deep and grind out results."



Gareth McAuley and Jonas Olsson battle for possession in the Austrian sun



Nicolas Anelka is on the run



Albion's players hit the training ground for their first session of their pre-season trip to Austria.

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Jones will not be on his way to Germany

BRIERLEY HILL'S Mark Jones missed out on a spot at the PDC's German Darts Masters tournament in September after failing to win in the final qualifiers.

Jones and Rugeley's Mark Hylton didn't make it past the first of two games required to seal their places, while Stourbridge's Nick Fullwell lost his second match.

Young duo Matthew Dennant, from Bloxwich, and Wednesbury's Matthew Dicken also left the Barnsley Metrodome disappointed after falling short last Friday night.

Players had to win three round ties to claim places at the event in Sindelfingen from September 20-22, where £100,000 in prize money is up-for-grabs.

And Fullwell got that far only to be beaten 6-4 by Kevin McDine, after 'The Hero' had started his evening in style with a 6-0 second round whitewash of Lee Whitworth.

The luck of the draw didn't favour Jones, who was paired with former BDO world championship finalist Dean Winstanley and went down to a 6-3 defeat.

Skipper's knock can't save Old Hill

OLD HILL saw their Staffordshire Cup hopes ended by a home defeat at the hands of Oulton.

Oulton pulled off the biggest surprise of round two as they secured a 14-run success at Haden Hill.

The visitors racked up 221-9 in their 45 overs. Dmitri Ratnayake and Nitesh Patel both claimed three wickets.

In reply, only skipper Danny Cox made an impression with the bat. Cox was left 60 not out as Old Hill were dismissed for 207 with 11 balls to spare.

Wolverhampton progressed thanks to an eight-wicket success against Burslem. Alex Grant hit an unbeaten 75 and Tom Fell and Aneesh Kapil scored half-centuries as Wolves eased to 216-2.

Defending champions Walsall chased down 277 for victory at Wombourne.

Tim Maxfield took three wickets and then hit 80 from just 42 balls for the Gorway men.



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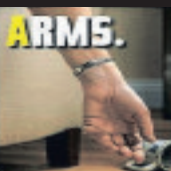
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McAuley sends out warning on Anelka

ALBION'S Gareth McAuley believes Premier League defenders will have their hands full trying to nullify the threat of Hawthorns new-boy Nicolas Anelka.

McAuley has spent the last week training with the jet-heeled former France star following his free-transfer switch.

The Baggies player of the year insists the 34-year-old has lost none of his renowned pace.

"I've kept him on my team in training so I haven't had to mark him," said McAuley. "But he's a real athlete. He looks like he's cruising through but he's sharp, his awareness is another level and he still has a turn of pace, don't worry about that."

"He's been lively in training and he still has that pace. He's only switched it on a couple of times but when he did it was away."

"I really think he's a great signing. It gives everyone a lift – especially all the young players – to see someone of his level, who is still as sharp and hungry as he is."

"It's a great signing and maybe he can score us a few goals."

While Anelka is the only new signing to date, the Baggies have recruited a familiar face with Goran Popov signing for a second season on loan.

Clubs eyeing Odemwingie

WANTAWAY Albion striker Peter Odemwingie is hoping to secure his exit from The Hawthorns before his teammates return from their pre-season trip to Austria.

The Nigeria international was left out of head coach Steve Clarke's tour squad.

And 32-year-old forward hopes to make progress on a transfer before the Baggies fly home next Tuesday.

Premier League new-boys Crystal Palace remain the favourites for Odemwingie's signature, having already held informal discussions with his representatives and with Baggies officials.

The Eagles are expected to make a formal bid soon, but Cardiff are believed to be considering an offer, although they have yet to make contact with Albion.

And Hull boss Steve Bruce could yet revive his interest after seeing his No.1 forward target – Burnley's Charlie Austin – fail a medical last week.

Wedge stars as Himley boost survival bid

A FINE all-round performance from Stuart Wedge boosted Himley's Premier Division survival hopes as they eased to victory at Knowle and Dorridge.

The former Worcestershire seamer shone with bat and ball to lead the Stourbridge Road outfit to an impressive 116-run success.

Batting at number seven, Wedge top scored with 66 as Himley piled up 226-7 from their 55 overs. Skipper Greg Wright (51) and Nathan Round (39) provided solid support with the bat.

Left-armers Wedge then took 3-19 with the

Birmingham League Cricket

ball as the hosts were routed for 110.

Seamer Danny Smith followed last week's six-wicket haul with 2-35 while off-spinner Ryan Brown and Round also bagged two wickets.

The victory lifted Himley up to eighth, 21 points clear of the drop zone.

Himley's local rivals Wombourne are rock bottom of the table following an eight-wicket home reverse at the hands of Wolverhampton.

After being put in to bat, Wombourne

were undone by old boy Adam Quiney who grabbed five wickets as his former club were dismissed for just 104.

Wolverhampton then needed just 13.2 overs to reach the target, with Worcestershire's Aneesh Kapil scoring an unbeaten 43.

The result leaves Wombourne 36 points from safety.

Old Hill stayed 12 points clear of the Division One drop zone after holding on for a losing draw against promotion-chasing Dorridge.

Nitesh Patel hit a classy 85 as the Haden

Hill side hung on at 189-8, after the visitors had compiled 253-6.

In Division Two, Stourbridge lost ground on the leaders as they lost by four wickets at home to Old Elizabethans.

Stourbridge were dismissed for 184 with Alex Bingham (32), Richard Bradley (30) and Jitesh Jiven-Patel (29) their main run scorers. Matthew Bradley and Peraz Irfan took two wickets each as OE's eased home.

Rameez Aziz took four wickets and then struck 72 as Halesowen picked up a welcome seven wicket win at home to Stratford-upon-Avon.

Quality key for Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has vowed it's quality not quantity that counts as he strives to revamp his squad.

Jackett has been frustrated by failed bids to land Crewe midfielder Luke Murphy and Manchester City winger Jeremy Helan, who have joined Championship sides Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday respectively.

But Jackett, who has added Bolton defender Sam Ricketts to the ranks, is confident he will improve his squad before the season starts.

"We're not a Championship club – we're a League One club," said Jackett.

"We have to always be competitive in the transfer market and you have to know the market and continually be in there."

"We have a very good recruitment department."

"They're working away all the time on potential targets while I'm with the team and I like that – it's a good thing. "In the long run, it will work well for us."

"We'll continue to look to improve the squad and bring in good players."

"It will be quality rather than quantity that comes in."

"There are quite a number of players here already and it's about making sure we mould them into a side that can do very well in League One."

Jackett admitted Wolves were always fighting a losing battle to land Helan.

The Molineux men are understood to have agreed a fee of around £300,000 but the 21-year-old chose the Owls, where he impressed in two loan spells last season.

"We made approaches but we felt he was always going to go back to Sheffield," said Jackett.

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CLEGG AIMS TO GET FORM TO THE MAX

TALENTED teenager Max Clegg is hoping to recapture his best form after a frustrating two weeks with Dudley.

The 16-year-old has been a star performer in 2013, although his scores did decrease slightly in two clashes against a strong Wolves side over the past fortnight.

He remains pleased with his season so far, but he is aiming to get back to his best – starting when the former Cradley club welcome National League newcomers Kent to Monmore on July 30.

Clegg said: "Overall it's still going really well for me this season. I've had a couple of double figure scores which I've been really pleased with and I've been scoring plenty of points."

"It's gone a bit downhill the last couple of weeks, but I've still been doing OK."

"Hopefully I'll get back up to where I was soon and do well over the second half of the season."

"It wasn't too bad for me against Wolves they had a good team. It didn't go great for me but I plugged away and scored a few points."

"I tried my best and I can't do any more than that, so I was happy even though I would have liked a few more points."

Clegg made a guest appearance for King's Lynn and scored eight at Buxton on Sunday.

He's also appearing regularly on the junior development league to add more experience as he looks forward to an exciting second half of the season with Dudley.

Meanwhile, Cradley legend Greg Hancock was the hero as he guided the USA into the World Cup race-off in Prague tonight.

Denmark took the honours in Event Two of the competition at Kings Lynn on Monday with Great

Nigel Pearson

Britain second, but the story of the night arguably came in the battle for third place as the USA produced a heroic performance to join the Brits plus Australia and Latvia in the race-off.

After years in the wilderness, the Americans, managed by another ex-Heathen Billy Hamill, emerged victorious ahead of injury-hit Sweden in only their second year back in the competition to book their place at the Marketa Stadium.

The winners progress to Saturday's final, also being staged in Prague.

Hancock scored 16 of their 23 points including a priceless heat 14 victory while playing a double points joker to all but seal their progression.

Wolves rider Tai Woffinden was the star of the show for Great Britain with 18 points as they finished behind the power-packed Danes.

DENMARK 49: Niels-Kristian Iversen 13, Nicki Pedersen 13, Michael Jepsen Jensen 12, Kenneth Bjerre 11.

GREAT BRITAIN 35: Tai Woffinden 18, Chris Harris 12, Craig Cook 4, Edward Kennett 1.

USA 24: Greg Hancock 16, Ricky Wells 4, Ryan Fisher 3, Gino Manzares 1.

SWEDEN 18: Peter Ljung 11, Daniel Nermark 5, Dennis Andersson 2, Jonas Davidsson 0.

Talented pupils hit the heights

YOUNG sports stars at a Wall Heath school are reflecting on a superb season in which they bagged 14 titles.

The successes at Church of the Ascension Primary came across 12 sports at both local and borough level.

Several trophies were claimed by the tag rugby team, who were crowned Dudley champions and took a silver medal in the Black Country Games. The rugby team were also Tag2Twickenham Midland Vase winners.

There was further success indoors, with the years three and four gymnastics teams crowned local champions, before both made it to the Black Country Games finals.

In sport hall athletics, the school were local champions and bronze medallists in the Black Country Games, feats replicated by the tri-golf squad.

In outdoor athletics, the boys team were local and Dudley champions and the girls third in the borough championship. The cross country boys team were Dudley runners-up.

Students also proved themselves efficient with bat and ball, as the cricket team were local winners and runners-up in both the



Pupils from Church of Ascension Primary School show off the spoils of their success Dudley and Worcestershire competitions.

There were celebrations in netball, where the school's team were local champions and Black Country finalists, while in basketball they were second in the Key Stage

One multi-skills competition. Last but not least, the girls' football team were league semi-finalists.

Deputy headteacher Chris Bradley said: "In 12 different sports we have performed

and achieved beyond that expected of a primary school of this size.

"We are committed to competitive sport at school, with many children performing in a wide variety of sports."

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